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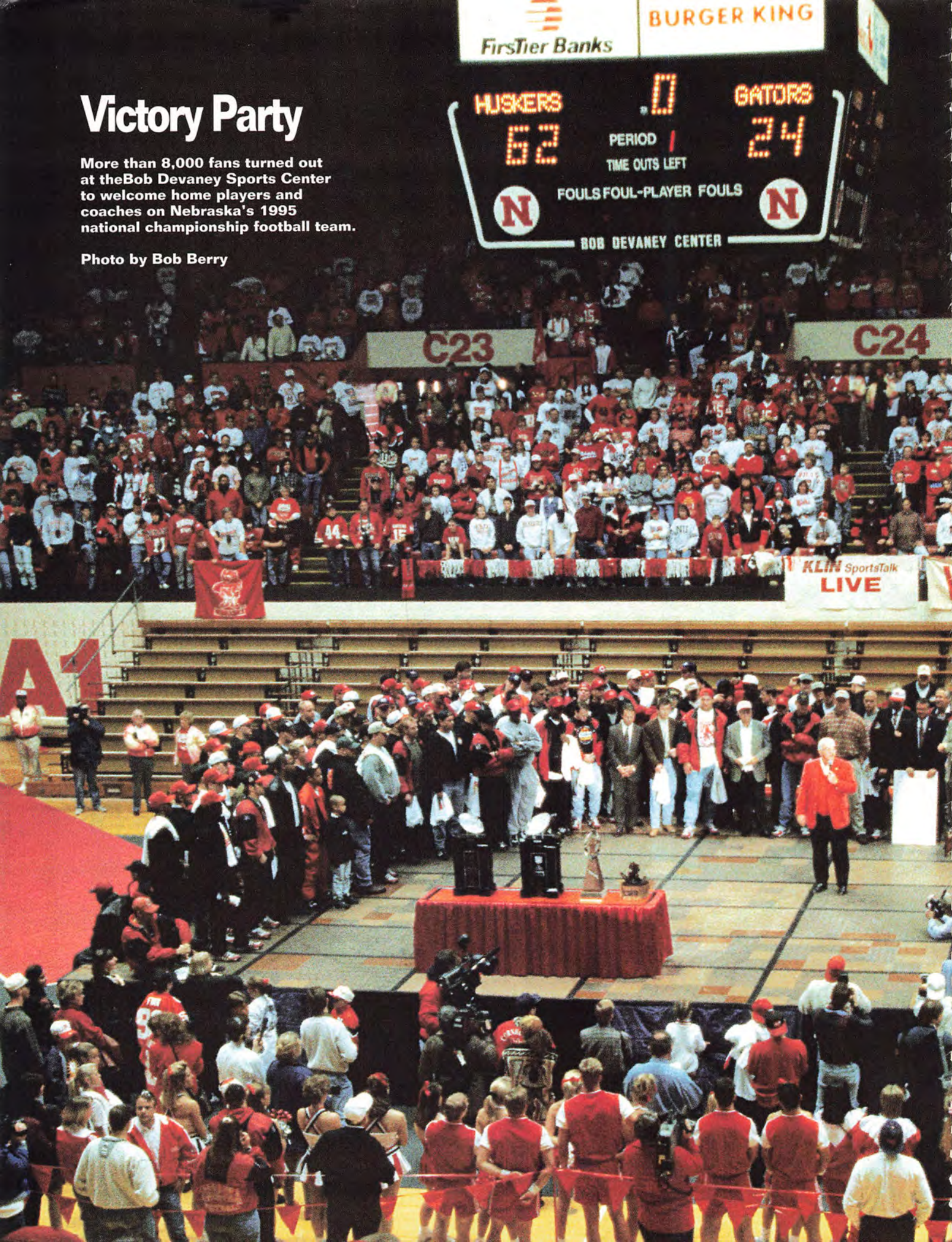
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# HISTORY

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## REPEATS ITSELF

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By Mike Babcock

Been there. Done that.

Winning a national championship is a little easier the second time around. At least it can be. Tommie Frazier and Johnny Rodgers would agree about that. Frazier and Rodgers played for back-to-back national championship football teams at the University of Nebraska. They were key players on those title teams, and they saw, firsthand, the value of experience in repeating as national champions.

After the Cornhuskers won the Associated Press version of the national title for the 1970 season, "we knew we could get the job done (again)," Rodgers said recently. Winning a repeat title in 1971, "wasn't automatic, but we were pretty doggone confident. We were far more confident (than in 1970)."





**I-back Jeff Kinney ripped through opposing defenses in the Huskers' title runs in 1970 and 1971.** Photo courtesy of Nebraska Sports Information.



A month before Nebraska defeated Florida in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Jan. 2, 1996, to repeat as national champion for the second time in school history, Frazier was asked whether the Huskers' having won the 1994 championship by defeating Miami in the 1995 Orange Bowl game would help them in their game against Florida. "I think it's a lot easier the second time around, playing in the national championship game," he said. "The first time, we were pretty much nervous the whole game."

Actually, the Fiesta Bowl was Nebraska's third consecutive national title game. The Cornhuskers came within a field goal of defeating Florida State for the championship in the 1994 Orange Bowl game. As a result, they were no strangers to the unique pressures of playing one game for what Coach Tom Osborne has described, accurately, but none too originally, as "the whole ball of wax."

Osborne's 23rd Nebraska team joined only eight others since 1936 (the first year of the Associated Press rankings) to repeat as national champion. The most recent was Alabama, which won national championships in 1978 and 1979. Alabama is one of only two programs besides Nebraska to win back-to-back AP national titles twice. The Crimson Tide also repeated in 1964 and 1965. Oklahoma is the other, winning championships in 1955 and 1956 and again in 1975 and 1976.

Nebraska achieved its first double nearly three years before Frazier was born. "So I can't give you any comparisons," Frazier said in answer to a question during a pre-Fiesta Bowl news conference.

Had he been able to compare the teams, he probably would have pointed out some similarities. The Cornhuskers of 1970 and 1971 had an explosive offense backed by a nationally ranked defense. They had changed their philosophy, after enduring 6-4 seasons in 1967 and 1968. And they had given indications of how good they were going to be during the second half of the 1969 season.

After losing two of its first four games in 1969, Nebraska won seven in a row, including a 45-6 victory against Georgia in the Sun Bowl, to initiate what would become a 32-game unbeaten streak. Georgia Coach Vince Dooley said the Huskers, who shared the Big Eight championship with Missouri, were too good for the Sun Bowl. They should have been in a major bowl, he said. They received little national respect from anyone else, however, finishing 11th in the 1969 AP rankings.

Nebraska probably didn't get the respect it deserved in 1993, either. The Cornhuskers were ranked no higher than fourth in the AP poll until mid-November, despite a 10-0 start. They were 11-0 and ranked No. 2 when they played top-ranked, but once-beaten, Florida State in the Orange Bowl on New Year's night. And even though they pushed the Seminoles to the limit, they finished third in the rankings.

The business left unfinished that night was finished in 1994, when the Cornhuskers posted 13 consecutive victories to

earn Osborne his first national championship. This season, they extended the winning streak to a school-record 25 to provide Osborne with a second national title.

Frazier, second to Ohio State's Eddie George in the Heisman Trophy voting, played a key role in the back-to-back championships, of course, despite missing eight games last season because of a blood clot problem. That has been well-documented, and certified by no less an authority than Osborne.

"I don't want to give the impression that this is a one-man program in the last four years," Osborne said. "But if I were to choose one player who has had the most impact on the outcome of the greatest number of games over the longest period of time since I've been at Nebraska, it would be Tommie Frazier."

Rodgers was such a player for Coach Bob Devaney's second national championship team in 1971, and to a lesser degree in 1970, when Rodgers was a sophomore. The 1971 team was chosen in the early 1980s by both the Boston Globe and The Sporting News as the best in college football history. The Sporting News based its selection on a vote of nearly two dozen coaches.

However, "as great as that team was, take Johnny Rodgers



**Despite the loss of 1994 seniors Clint Brown, Dwayne Harris, Terry Connealy and Kareem Moss, the Huskers' 1995 defense was equally as effective, particularly against the run.**

out of there on kickoff and punt returns, and it probably wouldn't have gone 13-0," Osborne has said. Osborne was Rodgers' position coach.

Rodgers, Nebraska's all-time leading pass receiver, averaged 16 yards per punt return and more than 30 yards per kickoff return in 1971. He returned one kickoff and four punts for touchdowns as a junior, including a 77-yarder on a punt in the Orange Bowl game. The most memorable of the returns in 1971, however, came against Oklahoma, also on a punt, in the "Game of the Century."

But the value of Rodgers to Nebraska's kicking game went beyond the touchdowns he scored on returns. With his help, the Husker special teams were "able to keep us in good field posi-



**Like Tommie Frazier, Jerry Tagge was a catalyst during Nebraska's title run the second time around.**

Photo courtesy of Nebraska Sports Information.







Photo by Eric Francis

tion all the time, even when I didn't get it (the ball). We always had good field position," Rodgers said.

He was the consummate kick returner, combining speed and instinct with an extraordinary willingness to take risks. Rodgers' philosophy seemed to be: Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

"When the ball bounces (on a punt), the first thing a coach tells you is to get away from it," Rodgers said. "But I'd try my best to figure out how I was going to get the ball. If you don't follow the program, there's no set script. I wasn't into that visualization stuff. I could imagine I was going to score. But how? If I couldn't imagine how, the defense wasn't going to be able to. The script was: There was no script. They (defenders) have no idea what you're thinking because you don't know what you're going to do.

"Like in the (1971) Oklahoma game; I probably should have made a fair catch." Instead, he fielded the punt and returned it 72 yards for the first touchdown in Nebraska's 35-31 victory.

Frazier has had that knack. "He can do so many things to affect the outcome of a game," Osborne said before the Fiesta Bowl victory against Florida. "It might be a run. It might be a pass. It might be a decision. He's a great competitor. One way or another, he'll try to figure out a way to get it done."

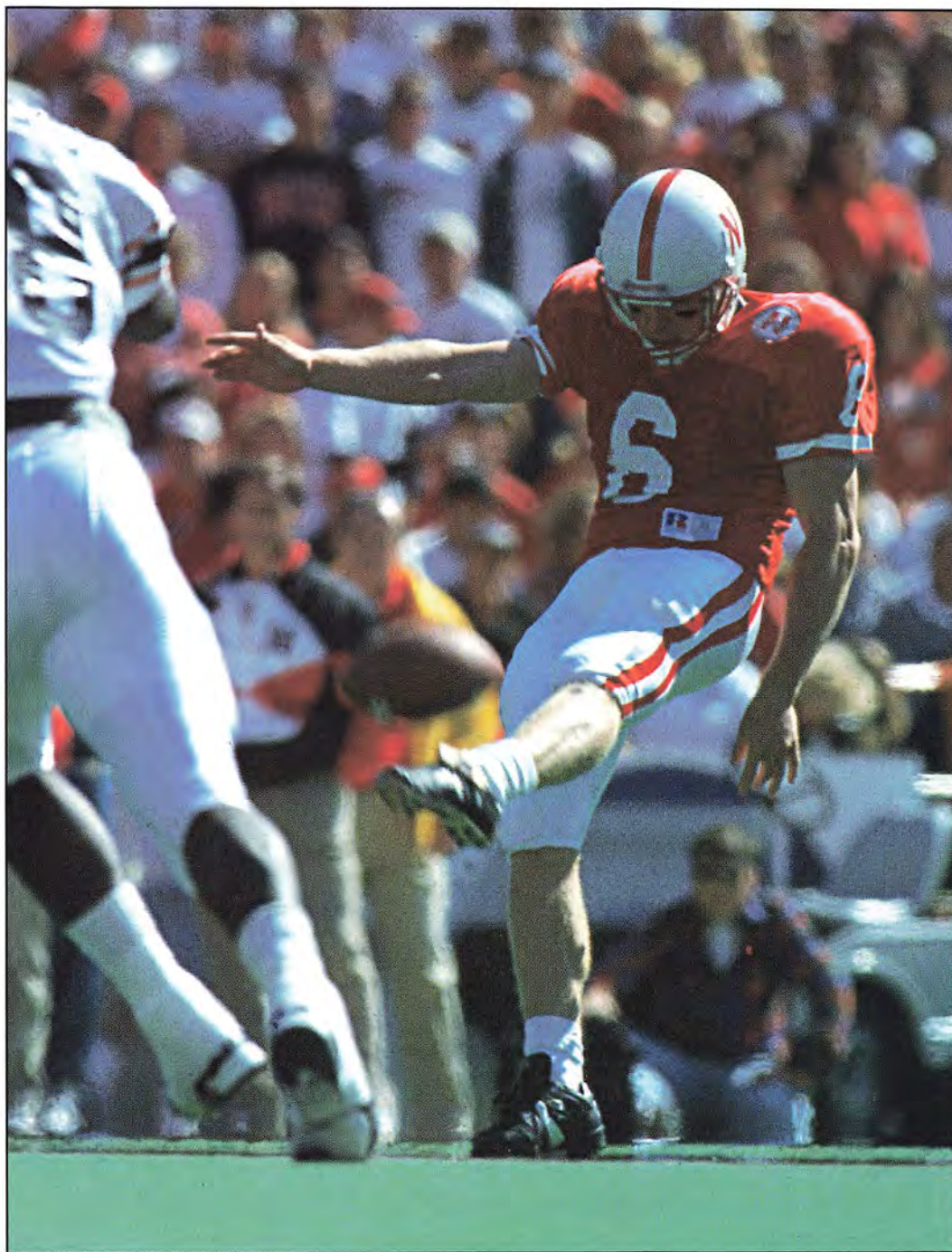
Under Frazier's direction, the 1995 Huskers established school single-season records for points and total yards per game, surpassing Osborne's "Scoring Explosion" team in



Photo courtesy of Nebraska Sports Information.

**Johnny Rodgers set the stage for his 1972 Heisman Trophy season by returning five punts for touchdowns during the 1970 and 1971 championship campaigns.**





**Quarterback Brook Berringer (opposite page) and punter Darin Erstad (left) were two players who played integral roles on the 1994 championship team but hardly factored into the 1995 season.**

**Berringer didn't start a single game after guiding the Huskers to seven straight wins in Frazier's absence in '94.**

**Erstad passed up his final two seasons of eligibility when the California Angels made him the first player chosen in the Major League Baseball draft.**

some serious money," Rodgers said with a laugh. "He has a knack for it."

Osborne hasn't lost the knack, even though his offense has changed significantly from the one he coordinated for Devaney during the first national championship seasons. Nebraska led the nation in rushing offense in both 1994 and 1995. The Huskers pass a lot less than they did in 1970 and 1971.

As in 1970 and 1971, a significant philosophical change has contributed to Nebraska's national championships in 1994 and 1995. The change, however, involved the defense rather than the offense. A key to the titles has been the Huskers' 4-3 base defensive align-

1983. The 1970 team was the most productive in school history to that point, setting offensive records that lasted only until the 1971 team had time to revise them.

In the aftermath of the back-to-back 6-4 seasons, Devaney decided to change his offense. He gave the primary responsibility to Osborne. "Coach Osborne created the pro offense and the spread. He was 'the man,'" said Rodgers, who set school records by catching 143 passes for 2,479 yards and 26 touchdowns in three seasons as a Husker.

Nebraska ranked second in the nation in scoring in 1970 and third in 1971, averaging nearly 40 points per game. That was a tribute to Osborne's offensive imagination, Rodgers said.

The offense Osborne installed could hardly be described as conservative. "Coach Osborne is one of the smartest coaches I've ever known. And if he was a gambling man, he could win

ment, which has allowed them to deal more effectively with the warm-weather passing attacks they have encountered in bowl games. Osborne has been willing to sacrifice size for speed and quickness.

Defense was a basis for all four of Nebraska's national championships. That was never more apparent than in the Huskers' demolition of Alabama in the 1972 Orange Bowl game. The Crimson Tide had played only two close games, defeating Southern Cal in the season-opener 17-10 and winning against Southeastern Conference rival Louisiana State 14-7. Otherwise, the Crimson Tide rolled.

Until, that is, encountering opportunistic Nebraska. Three Husker touchdowns were set up by fumble recoveries, and Alabama's offense struggled against the Nebraska Blackshirts, who ranked No. 3 nationally in scoring defense and No. 5 in

Photo by Eric Francis





## FOUR TITLES IN THE MAKING

Nebraska had a combined record of 49-0-1 during its national championship seasons of 1970, 1971, 1994 and 1995. Here's a look back at the games the Huskers won on their way to each title.

### 1970 Season (11-0-1)

Sept. 12	Wake Forest	36-12
Sept. 19	Southern Cal	21-21
Sept. 26	Army	28-0
Oct. 3	Minnesota	35-10
Oct. 10	Missouri	21-7
Oct. 17	Kansas	41-20
Oct. 24	Oklahoma St.	65-31
Oct. 31	Colorado	29-13
Nov. 7	Iowa St.	54-29
Nov. 14	Kansas St.	51-13
Nov. 21	Oklahoma	28-21
Orange Bowl		
Jan. 1	Louisiana St.	17-12

### 1971 Season (13-0-0)

Sept. 11	Oregon	34-7
Sept. 18	Minnesota	35-7
Sept. 25	Texas A&M	34-7
Oct. 2	Utah State	42-6
Oct. 9	Missouri	36-0
Oct. 16	Kansas	55-0
Oct. 23	Oklahoma St.	41-13
Oct. 30	Colorado	31-7
Nov. 6	Iowa State	37-0
Nov. 13	Kansas State	44-17
Nov. 25	Oklahoma	35-31
Dec. 4	Hawaii	45-3
Orange Bowl		
Jan. 1	Alabama	38-6

### 1994 Season (13-0-0)

Aug. 28	West Virginia	31-0
Sept. 8	Texas Tech	42-16
Sept. 17	UCLA	49-21
Sept. 24	Pacific	70-21
Oct. 1	Wyoming	42-32
Oct. 8	Oklahoma State	32-3
Oct. 15	Kansas State	17-6
Oct. 22	Missouri	42-7
Oct. 29	Colorado	24-7
Nov. 5	Kansas	45-17
Nov. 12	Iowa State	28-12
Nov. 25	Oklahoma	13-3
Orange Bowl		
Jan. 1	Miami	24-17

### 1995 Season (12-0-0)

Aug. 31	Oklahoma State	64-21
Sept. 9	Michigan State	50-10
Sept. 16	Arizona State	77-28
Sept. 23	Pacific	49-7
Sept. 30	Washington State	35-21
Oct. 14	Missouri	57-0
Oct. 21	Kansas State	49-25
Oct. 28	Colorado	44-21
Nov. 4	Iowa State	73-14
Nov. 11	Kansas	41-3
Nov. 24	Oklahoma	37-0
Fiesta Bowl		
Jan. 2	Florida	62-24





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**Lawrence Phillips (left) had the second-best rushing season of any Nebraska back in 1994 when he ran for 1,722 yards. His 101 yards on 19 carries in the 1995 Orange Bowl was his 12th 100-yard rushing game of the season.**

**Cory Schlesinger (above) went from being an unsung fullback to becoming the hero of the 1995 Orange Bowl when he scored the winning touchdown with less than three minutes left against Miami.**

total defense, as well as No. 2 in rushing defense in 1971.

Those rankings are remarkably close to those the last two seasons. In 1994, Nebraska was No. 2 in scoring defense, No. 4 in total defense and rushing defense, and No. 10 in pass defense. In 1995, the Cornhuskers ranked No. 2 in rushing defense, No. 4 in scoring defense and No. 13 in total defense. Clearly, defense wins championships.

Rodgers was one of five Huskers to earn first-team all-conference honors on offense in 1970. The others were I-back Joe Orduna, linemen Bob Newton and Donnie McGhee, and place-kicker Paul Rogers. But the play of the defense was no less important in giving Nebraska its first national title.

Linebacker Jerry Murtaugh, a co-captain and one of only three returning regulars on defense in 1970, predicted early in the season that the Huskers would win the national championship. When Nebraska played a 21-21 tie with Southern Cal in the second game of the season at the Los Angeles Coliseum, however, it appeared Murtaugh's prediction was little more than talk.

A missed 12-yard field goal in the fourth quarter was the difference between a tie and a Husker victory. "We should have won the game," Rodgers said. "Southern Cal, basically, tied us. We got more consideration (in the national rankings)

because people saw we should have won."

Nebraska, which had been No. 9 in the AP poll before the Southern Cal game, was No. 8 afterward. The Huskers steadily climbed in the rankings, with nine consecutive victories, only one of which was by fewer than 14 points.

Unranked Oklahoma pushed them in the final game of the regular season at Memorial Stadium before losing 28-21. Nebraska had moved up to No. 3 the week before.

That's where the Huskers finished in the United Press International coaches' poll. The UPI still awarded its national championship before the post-season bowl games. As a result, Texas and Ohio State, both undefeated and untied, finished No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in the coaches' poll.

But the final AP media poll came after the bowl games, leaving Nebraska with an outside chance to be No. 1. If Texas and Ohio State lost, the Huskers might win the national championship with a victory against No. 5 Louisiana State in the Orange Bowl game on New Year's night.

It was a long shot. But it happened. Texas was upset by Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl, 24-11, and Ohio State fell to Stanford 27-17, as Heisman Trophy winner Jim Plunkett directed the Indians to 14 fourth-quarter points.





Photo courtesy of Nebraska Sports Information.

**The similarities between the Huskers' four national championship teams begin with the quarterbacks. In 1970, Van Brownson alternated with Tagge and in 1994, Frazier alternated with Berringer. The following seasons, Frazier and Tagge emerged as clear-cut starters.**

On the strength of a dramatic 67-yard touchdown drive directed and capped by quarterback Jerry Tagge in the fourth quarter and an aggressive defense led by Murtaugh, Ed Periard and sophomore Willie Harper, the Huskers defeated LSU 17-12. Nebraska defenders sacked LSU quarterbacks Buddy Lee and Bert Jones six times during the first half.

Harper, chosen as the game's outstanding defensive player, blocked a punt in the fourth quarter, and Bob Terrio intercepted a Jones' pass with 45 seconds remaining to seal the victory and give Nebraska the AP national championship.

The 1970 Cornhuskers were not without detractors, most notably Notre Dame Coach Ara Parseghian, who argued that his team deserved the title because of its upset of Texas. Notre Dame had been ranked No. 1 until a late-season loss at Southern Cal, 38-28. In addition, the Fighting Irish had defeated LSU only 3-0. Even so, Parseghian was adamant that his team, rather than Nebraska, should be No. 1.

That prompted an injudicious remark by Devaney immediately after the Orange Bowl victory against LSU. "I don't see how even the Pope could vote Notre Dame No. 1," he said.

Several days later, after the final AP poll was released,

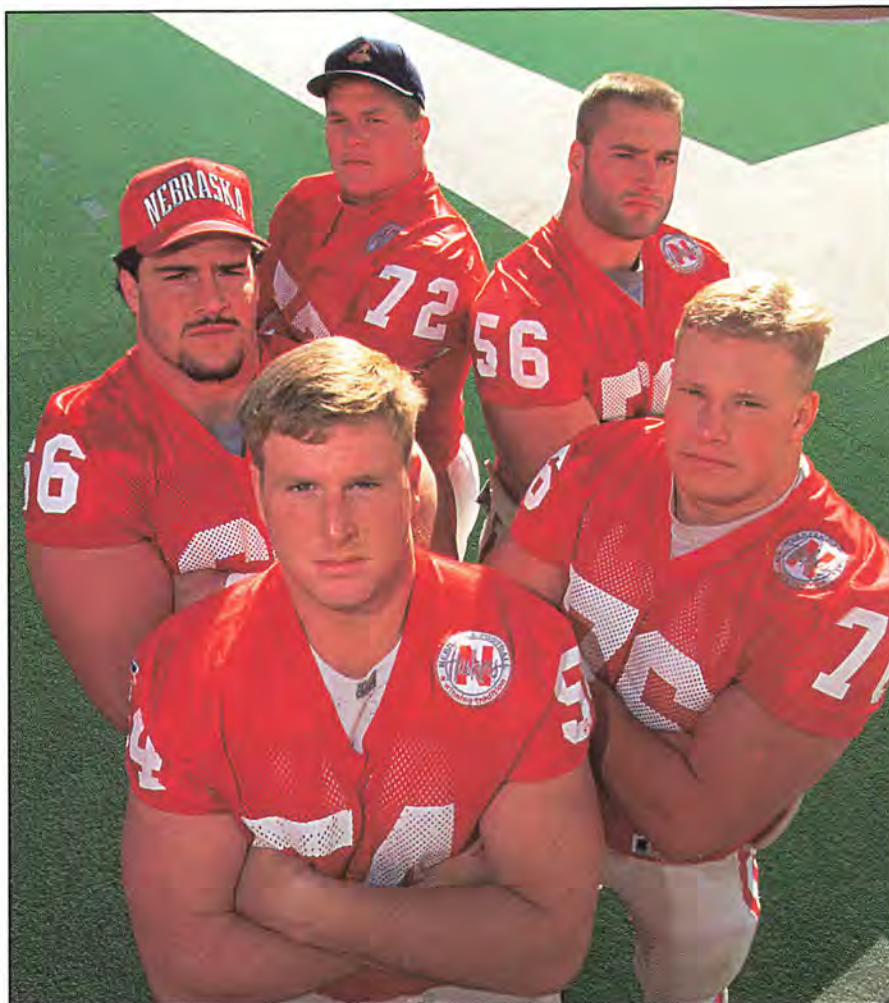


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**In the early '70s, Outland and Lombardi trophy winner Rich Glover (above, left) anchored a defensive line that included All-Americans Larry Jacobson and Willie Harper.**

**The 1994 offensive line (above), heralded as Nebraska's best, included Outland trophy winner Zach Wiegert (No. 72).**

Devaney explained: "I was afraid Ara's comments might influence the voters, but I guess the writers are too smart to take some coach's word. The writers knew who was best." Nebraska was the overwhelming choice, with Notre Dame No. 2.

No controversy attended the second national championship in 1971. The Cornhuskers moved from No. 2 to No. 1 after a 34-7, opening-game victory against Oregon and remained there through a 38-6 victory against No. 2-ranked Alabama in the Orange Bowl game on New Year's night 1972.

The 1971 national championship game was played in Norman, Okla., on Thanksgiving Day, Rodgers said, whose punt return initiated the scoring in the victory against No. 2 Oklahoma. "At that point, we knew we could beat anybody," Rodgers said.

Tagge was the Huskers' starting quarterback in 1970 and 1971, after alternating with Van Brownson in 1969. Brownson started three games in 1970, but was troubled by injuries, and played his senior season as a clear-cut backup.

The competition between the two quarterbacks, which carried into 1970, has been compared to the one involving Frazier and Brook Berringer.

Tagge started the 1971 Orange Bowl game victory against





Photo by Bob Berry

**Nebraska's 1995 title run was dominating even to the end as the Huskers rolled to their biggest bowl win.**

LSU, but gave way to Brownson, before returning to lead the Huskers to what was the game-winning drive in the fourth quarter, a substitution pattern similar to the one Osborne used with Frazier and Berringer in the 1995 Orange Bowl victory against Miami.

Osborne was asked to compare Frazier and Tagge this season after Frazier broke Tagge's school career record for total offense. "Jerry was an accurate passer, an excellent thrower," Osborne said. "Jerry was hard to knock off his feet. He still got some things done running the ball, but he wasn't going to go real far. It (Nebraska's offense) was more of a drop-back scheme."

Tagge passed for 4,704 yards and rushed for 579 yards during his three seasons. Frazier threw for 3,393 yards and ran for 1,920 yards, accounting for a school-record 78 touchdowns. Frazier did "things that are pretty unique," Osborne said.

There were those who doubted Nebraska in 1994, until the Cornhuskers wore down and defeated No. 3-ranked Miami 24-17 on its home field in the Orange Bowl. And even then, undefeated and untied Penn State, the No. 2-ranked team, drew its share of national championship support, just as there were those, admittedly few, who questioned Nebraska's right to the 1970 national championship.

"Some people, including Ara Parseghian, said we backed into the (1970) championship," Joe Blahak said. Blahak

became a starter in the Husker secondary as a sophomore in 1970. Blahak's son Chad, a walk-on, has been a member of back-to-back national championship teams, just like his dad. (Bill Kosch also started in the secondary for Nebraska in 1970 and 1971. His son Jesse, another walk-on, was the Huskers' No. 1 punter this season, after being a reserve last season.)

After the 1994 season, Penn State's Joe Paterno claimed his team, rather than Nebraska, deserved the national title.

No one could accuse Nebraska of backing into the national championship in 1971, however. The Huskers left no doubt they were No. 1. And the parallel holds this season, as well. With a big assist from Michigan, which upset No. 2-ranked Ohio State, the Bowl Alliance was able to match No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Florida in the Fiesta Bowl. The 1995 Cornhuskers were clearly No. 1.

"I figured they could do pretty good," Rodgers said. "The ability of the coaching staff separates them from everyone else. These coaches have been through it so many times. They've been together so long. It's more than talent. There are a lot of talented teams. You win because of coaching."

Playing for the national title might be a little easier the second, or third, time.

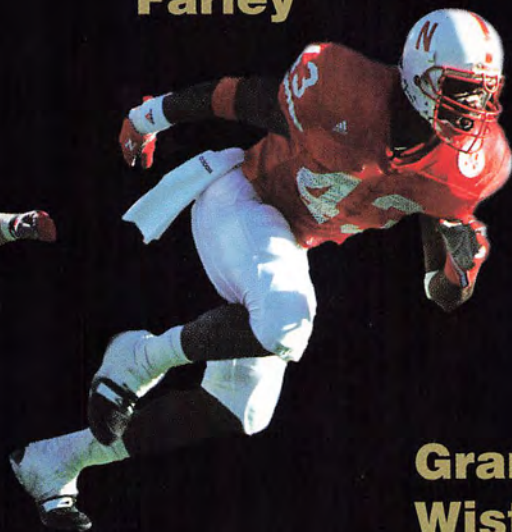
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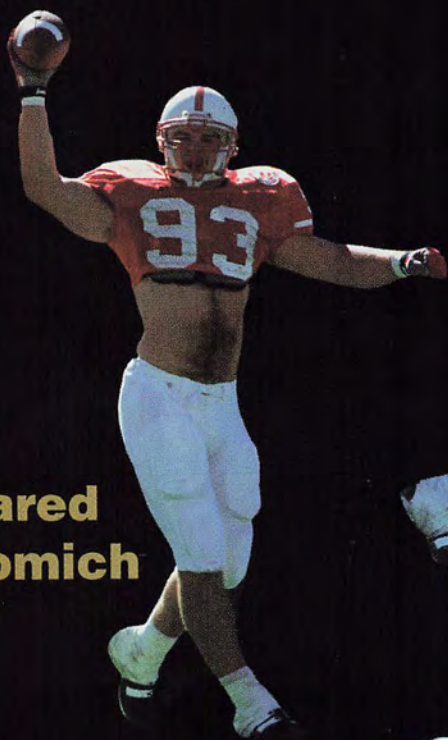
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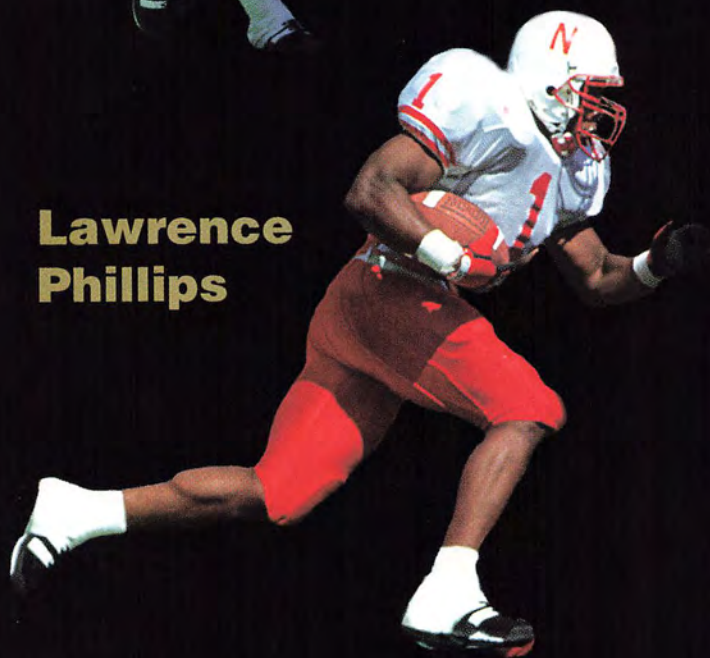


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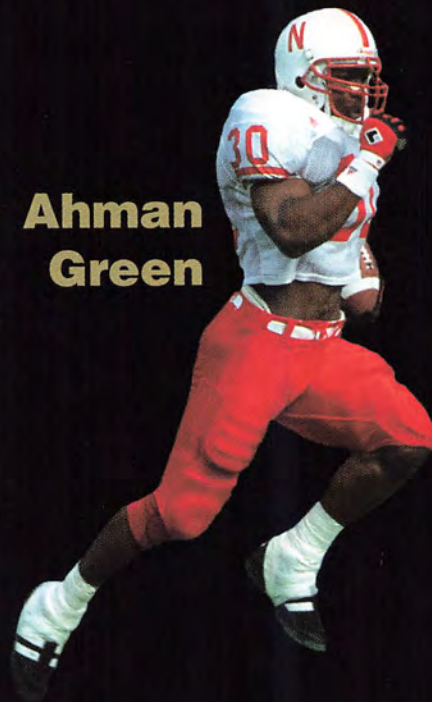


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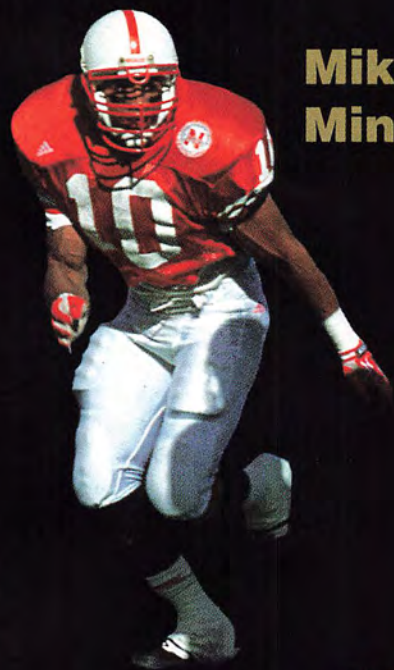


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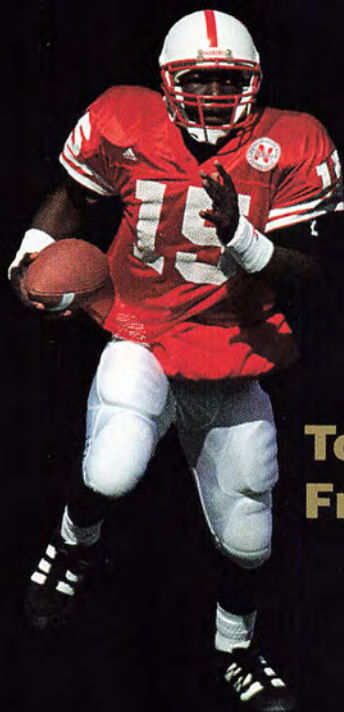


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# IMPRESSIVE SHOWING

**I**t wasn't exactly the "Scoring Explosion" reminiscent of the 1983 season, but the Huskers' 64-21 demolition of Oklahoma State did confirm a few things about the 1995 Nebraska football team.

For starters, Nebraska's offense is potent. It took the Huskers just 18 minutes over a span of the second and third quarters to rack up 44 points and bolt to a 50-7 lead.

And the offensive line, with only center Aaron Graham back from last year's starting bunch, had its way against the Cowboys' defensive front, while not once being flagged for a holding penalty.

"I'd say they did a great job," I-back Lawrence Phillips said. "Those guys may have been a little nervous at the beginning but they got out and were blocking real hard not too

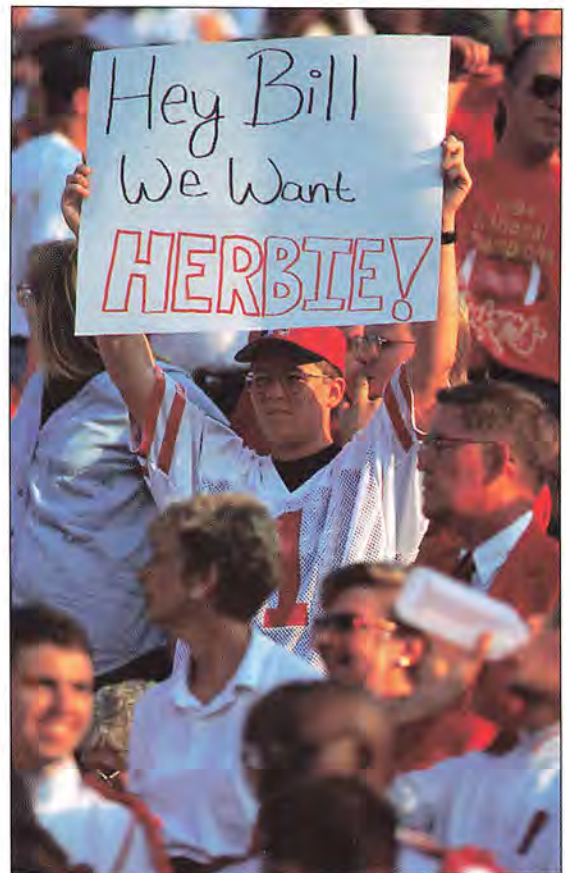
long after the game started."

Phillips, a preseason Heisman Trophy candidate, carried only 12 times but scored three touchdowns and rushed for 153 yards. His 80-yard TD run in the second quarter was the longest of his career.

"They started to flow outside so I just cut it back under and there was no one there," Phillips said.

Nebraska's defense, although strong at times, appears to lack the depth of last year.

"I didn't like the way Oklahoma State moved the ball down the field at the end,"



**After missing most of last season with an injury, Mike Minter (opposite page) made the trip to Stillwater while Nebraska mascot Herbie Husker (above) did not.**



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NU — Brown 24 FG  
NU — Terrell Farley 29 interception return  
(Kris Brown kick)  
OSU — Andre Richardson 2 run (Lawson  
Vaughn kick)  
NU — Phillips 80 run (Brown kick)  
NU — Phillips 27 run (Brown kick)  
NU — Tommie Frazier 1 run (Brown kick)  
NU — Reggie Baul 76 pass from Frazier  
(Brown kick)  
NU — Jon Vedral 5 pass from Frazier  
(Brown kick)  
OSU — David Thompson 8 run (Vaughn kick)  
NU — Ahman Green 14 run (Brown kick)  
OSU — Geoff Grenier 7 pass from Tone Jones  
(Vaughn kick)  
NU — James Sims 5 run (Brown kick)  
Att. — 42,100

Team Statistics	NU	OSU
First downs.....	28	14
Rushes-Yards.....	55-513	38-144
Passing.....	12-20-1	11-27-3
Passing Yards.....	158	138
Total Yards.....	671	282
Total Plays.....	75	65
Avg. Per Play.....	8.9	4.3
Punts-Avg.....	1-53.0	7-43.4
Punt Returns-yards.....	5-24	1-(-6)
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	1-33	8-163
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	6-55	5-33
Time of Possession.....	29:55	30:05
3rd Down Conversions.....	8-11	5-15
4th Down Conversions.....	0-0	0-1

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Lawrence Phillips 12-153, Damon Benning 8-62, Tommie Frazier 10-64, Joel Makovicka 6-55, Ahman Green 6-52, James Sims 4-34, Brian Schuster 3-23, Brook Berringer 1-17, Matt Turman 1-7.

**PASSING** — Frazier 6-10-0 120, Berringer 5-8-0 31, Turman 1-2-0 7.

**RECEIVING** — Mark Gilman 3-31, Brendan Holbein 3-21, Reggie Baul 1-76, Phillips 1-7, Jeff Lake 1-7, Clester Johnson 1-9, Kenny Cheatham 1-2, Jon Vedral 1-5.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Jared Tomich.....	4	2-22	2-22
Phil Ellis.....	3	1-4	2-5
Jon Hesse.....	8	0-0	2-2
Aaron Penland.....	4	0-0	1-1

**Lawrence Phillips' 153 yards rushing (top) strengthened his Heisman Trophy chances while junior linebacker Jared Tomich (right) made the most of his first start.**

**More than 5,000 Husker fans migrated to Stillwater (opposite page, top) to mug for the ESPN cameras and cheer Nebraska to its 10th straight victory in a season opener.**







Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "There were some things our second and third units didn't do that well."

The Huskers, who received permission from the Big Eight Conference to suit up 66 players for the game (six more than usual), will have to be content to suit up the same number for their game at Michigan State.

"In the past for non conference games, we could always take about what we wanted," Osborne said. "I've been told we've got to go to Michigan State with 66."

The 42,100 fans at Lewis Field and an

ESPN national television audience also caught a glimpse of the Huskers future at I-back when freshman Ahman Green made his debut in the third quarter.

The 6-foot, 210-pounder out of Omaha Central rumbled 18 yards around the left end on his first carry and finished with 52 yards and a touchdown on six rushes.

Osborne also was pleased with the performance of freshman kicker Kris Brown, who missed his first extra-point attempt of the night but was successful on the rest of his kicks, including a 24-yard field goal. ■

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**"In practice and scrimmages, it was much harder than tonight because we were playing against our own defense. That made me realize what college football was like."**

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— Freshman I-back Ahman Green





Oklahoma State quarterback Toné Jones had trouble hooking up with his receivers, including this pass to Terrance Richardson (above) with cornerback Leslie Dennis covering. Jones was picked off three times by the Blackshirts.

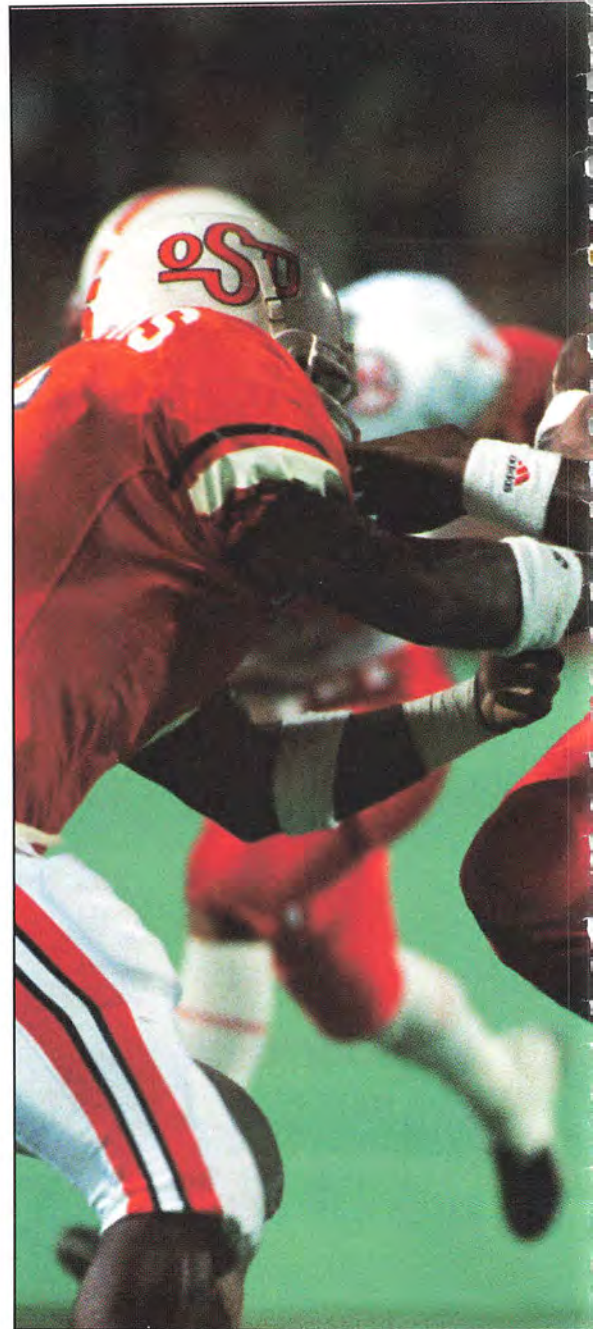
Fourth-string freshman I-back Ahman Green was superb in his debut, gaining 18 yards on his first carry and scoring on a 13-yard run (opposite page) in which he shed three tacklers.

## GAME NOTES

### Benning Injures Hamstring

The Huskers appeared to suffer only one minor injury during Thursday night's win over Oklahoma State.

Reserve I-back Damon Benning sat out the second half after injuring his hamstring. Back-up cornerback Mike Fullman was kicked in the leg and had to be helped off



the field. After the game, however, he appeared to have recovered from the injury.

### Comparing the Quarterbacks

The quarterback controversy, which consumed much of spring practice and fall drills, didn't rear its ugly head Thursday as both starter Tommie Frazier and back-up Brook Berringer received playing time.

Frazier carried 10 times for 64 yards and





## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

This week's AP top five:  
Florida State, Nebraska, Texas  
A&M, Penn State, Florida.

Ohio State tailback Eddie George earned MVP honors during the Buckeyes' 38-6 win over Boston College in the Kickoff Classic.

Nebraska football history was made when five senior co-captains were named instead of the usual four. Center Aaron Graham, tight end Mark Gilman, free safety Tony Veland, defensive lineman Christian Peter and linebacker Phil Ellis were selected in secret balloting by their teammates.

I-back Lawrence Phillips was cleared to play against OSU by the NCAA. A lunch with a recruiter for a sports agent was ruled a minor infraction and did not affect his eligibility because he reimbursed the recruiter for his share of the meal.

Northwestern, a 28-point underdog against Notre Dame, pulled off one of college football's all-time upsets by beating the Fighting Irish 17-15 in South Bend, Ind.

With Colorado's 43-7 win over host Wisconsin, Rick Neuheisel became the first CU coach to win his debut since William Saunders in 1932, and he did it in Madison, the city where he was born 34 years ago.

scored one rushing touchdown. Berringer ran the ball just once, picking up 17 yards. His first handoff of the game, to Lawrence Phillips, went for an 80-yard TD.

Berringer completed 5 of 8 passes for 31 yards. Frazier was 6-for-10 passing for 120 yards and two touchdowns.

### Phillips' Report Card

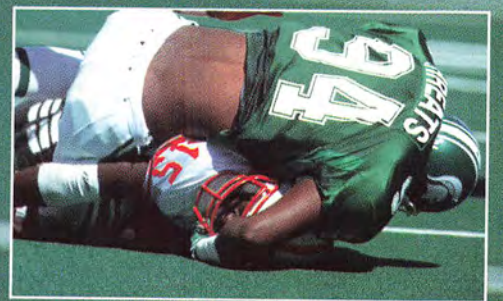
After the first game of his junior

season, Lawrence Phillips moved up one spot to ninth on the Nebraska career rushing chart.

Phillips now has 2,383 yards. He surpassed the 2,244 yards Jeff Kinney compiled from 1969 through 1971.

Phillips' three touchdowns tied his career high. It was also the 13th time he has run for more than 100 yards.







A TRIP INTO BIG 10 TERRITORY  
TOOK ITS TOLL ON TOMMIE FRAZIER,  
BUT IT DIDN'T STOP THE HUSKERS'  
BACKFIELD FROM

# RUNNING WILD

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While Tommie Frazier rested, the rest of Nebraska's offense cut loose.

The Huskers lost their starting quarterback seven plays into the second quarter against Michigan State when the All-Big Eight signal caller went out with a deep thigh bruise.

But Frazier's absence didn't put a crimp in Nebraska's potent backfield. I-backs Lawrence Phillips, Ahman Green and James Sims combined for six touchdowns as the Huskers rolled up 552 yards rushing on the way to a 50-10 win before a sun-drenched crowd of 73,891 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, Mich.

Phillips finished with 206 yards on 22 carries and did not play another down after scoring his fourth touchdown of the game on

a third-quarter, 50-yard run that began with a bit of trickery. The 6-foot junior out of West Covina, Calif., lined up next to quarterback Brook Berringer, who was poised in shotgun



**The Huskers (above) had never played before in the 79,381-seat Spartan Stadium at East Lansing, Mich.**

**Tommie Frazier's day came to an early end (opposite page) when he was injured on this second-quarter tackle by Michigan State defensive end Jabbar Threats.**



Nebraska .....10 10 16 14 — 50  
Michigan State .....7 0 3 0 — 10

NU — Kris Brown 22 FG  
NU — Lawrence Phillips 2 run (Brown kick)  
MSU — Muhsin Muhammad 16 pass from Tony Banks (Chris Gardner kick)  
NU — Phillips 1 run (Brown kick)  
NU — Brown 47 FG  
NU — Brown 20 FG  
MSU — Gardner 24 FG  
NU — Phillips 1 run (run failed)  
NU — Phillips 50 run (Brown kick)  
NU — Ahman Green 57 run (Brown kick)  
NU — James Sims 80 run (Ted Retzlaff kick)  
Att. — 73,891

Team Statistics	NU	MSU
First downs.....	28	18
Rushes-Yards.....	58-552	34-45
Passing.....	7-14-0	21-35-1
Passing Yards.....	114	290
Total Yards.....	666	335
Total Plays.....	72	69
Avg. Per Play.....	9.3	4.9
Punts-Avg.....	3-36.0	8-43.0
Punt Returns-yards.....	2-15	1-2
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	2-51	7-135
Fumbles-Lost.....	4-2	6-2
Penalties-Yards.....	5-55	11-89
Time of Possession.....	28:40	31:20
3rd Down Conversions.....	6-13	5-16
4th Down Conversions.....	1-1	0-1

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Lawrence Phillips 22-206, Clinton Childs 8-83, Ahman Green 4-74, Jeff Makovicka 9-38, Tommie Frazier 5-30, Brook Berringer 4-20, Joel Makovicka 2-9, Brian Schuster 2-7, Matt Turman 1-5.

**PASSING** — Berringer 6-11-0 106, Frazier 1-2-0 8, Turman 0-1-0 0.

**RECEIVING** — Mark Gilman 2-13, Brendan Holbein 2-10, Childs 1-10, Jon Vedral 1-30, Reggie Baul 1-51.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Phil Ellis.....	7	1-5	2-6
Mike Minter.....	7	0-0	0-0
Ryan Terwilliger.....	6	0-0	1-1
Michael Booker.....	5	0-0	0-0
Christian Peter.....	4	0-0	1-6
Terrell Farley.....	3	2-10	2-10
Jared Tomich.....	2	1-6	1-6

**"This year's team is a good road team - it has good chemistry. I'm not saying they'll always win but they won't be intimidated."**

— Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne



Jeff Makovicka (above) was one of 10 Huskers to carry against the Spartans.

Brook Berringer (opposite page, top) performed admirably in Frazier's absence, completing 6 of 11 passes for 106 yards.

Lawrence Phillips (opposite page, below) muscled his way to his way to a season-high 206 yards.

formation to take the snap from center. Instead, Phillips snagged the center snap and easily sped past a host of Spartan defenders who had their sights set on Berringer.

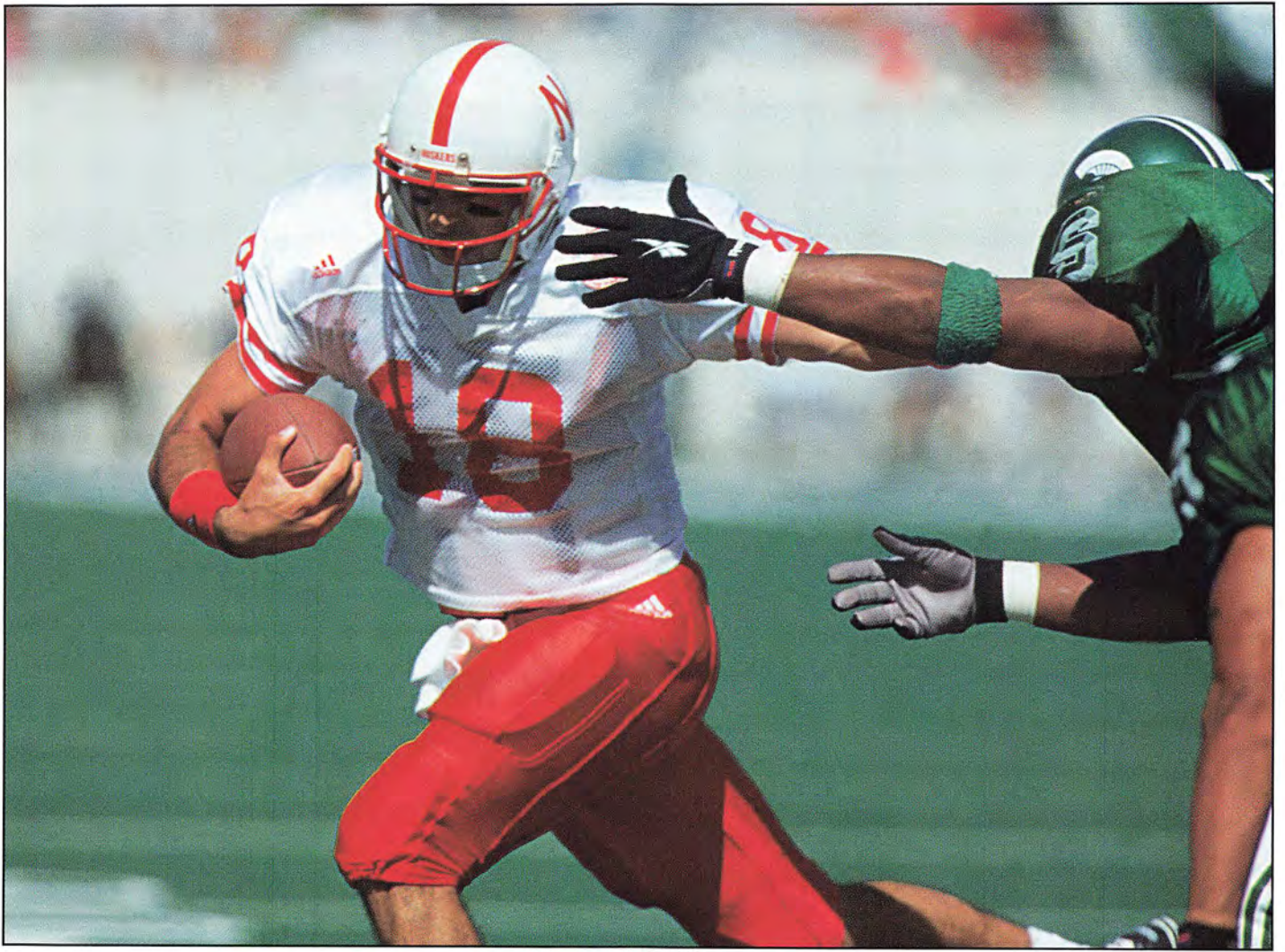
Berringer, subbing for the injured Frazier, guided Nebraska on scoring marches that resulted in 40 points. The 6-4, 200-pound senior finished 6 of 11 passing for 106 yards, including a tight-spiralling 51-yard bomb to Reggie Baul that set up Phillips' second touchdown of the day.

Despite a fast start, the Huskers only led

10-7 after the first quarter. NU scored its first points on a 22-yard field goal by Kris Brown. Following a fumble recovery by Jared Tomich on the Spartans' first series, Phillips scored on a two-yard run. He finished with 206 yards on 22 carries before leaving the game in the third quarter with a slight ankle sprain.

"Offensively, we ran the ball well," NU Coach Tom Osborne said. "I was a little disappointed in our throwing game, though. I thought with our running game, we would have executed the pass better." ■







## This **WEEK** in **COLLEGE** Football

This week's AP top five remained the same: Florida State, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Penn State, Florida.

Howard Schnellenberger won his coaching debut at Oklahoma when his 14th-ranked "Sooner Nation" defeated San Diego State, 38-22.

Herbie Husker, who was earlier shelved by athletic director Bill Byrne, made his return to the Nebraska sidelines.

Nebraska football player Riley Washington was ordered to stand trial on attempted murder charges after a Lincoln man testified that Washington shot him in a gang-related fight.



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**"To put it  
bluntly,  
I felt our  
players quit.  
And if they  
quit, they won't  
play, not here  
at least."**

— Michigan State Coach Nick Saban

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The Spartans scored their only touchdown of the game on a 16-yard pass from quarterback Tony Banks to wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad with 6:28 left in the first quarter. Banks set new career highs with his 21 pass completions and 290 yards through the air.

Michigan State (0-1) was limited to 45 yards rushing on 34 carries and fumbled six times, with Nebraska recovering two of

them. The Spartans also were flagged 11 times for 89 yards in penalties.

"I thought we competed with them in the first half, but we made too many mistakes in the second half," said first-year Michigan State Coach Nick Saban. "When it was 23-10, I still thought we had a chance to win. But some of our players gave up and did not compete after that." ■





## GAME NOTES

### Herbie Not Finished After All

Herbie Husker, the Nebraska Cornhuskers' mascot who was recently retired from active duty by NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne, made a triumphant return to the football sidelines at Spartan Stadium.

Byrne announced through a press release that Herbie was reinstated for the duration

of the season. Criticism of the decision to retire Herbie in favor of a new mascot extended from coast to coast.

"This is another special year for the Huskers, and to eliminate the distraction, I have decided to table the decision on Herbie to concentrate on the season and put all our energy into providing support for all our athletic teams," Byrne said. ■

Spartan quarterback (opposite page) Tony Banks couldn't get out of the way of the Huskers' pass rush. He fumbled the ball on this third-quarter sack by Jared Tomich.

The Blackshirts' defense (above) was an imposing sight for the Spartans, who fumbled six times, had one pass intercepted and committed 11 penalties.





Clester Johnson burned the Sun Devils for a season-high 129 yards on four catches, including this one for a 28-yard touchdown in the second quarter.



WHEN CLINTON CHILDS SPRIED 65 YARDS  
FOR A TOUCHDOWN ON THE GAME'S FIRST PLAY,  
THE HUSKERS WERE WELL ON THE WAY TO



# A SCORING EXPLOSION

NEBRASKA 77  
ARIZONA ST. 28  
**GAME 3**

Nebraska opened its 1995 home season with one of its most explosive games of all time.

Clinton Childs, playing in the absence of former starting I-back Lawrence Phillips, took a pitch from quarterback Tommie Frazier and dashed around the left side untouched for a 65-yard touchdown that gave the Huskers a 7-0 lead over Arizona State just 11 seconds into the game.

That was the beginning of a scoring explosion that gave second-ranked Nebraska a 63-21 lead at halftime and an eventual 77-28 win over the Sun Devils (1-2) before a Memorial Stadium crowd of 75,418.

The Huskers scored on their first seven possessions, breaking school records for most points in a half (63) and most points in the first quarter (35). Averaging a nation-leading 666

yards of total offense, Nebraska had 304 yards after the first quarter and 508 at halftime.

"I can't remember a team doing that before," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said.

"It was surprising. Arizona State has played well the last two games and I think they held Washington to 22 or 23 points."

The Huskers scored only 14 points in the second half to register their 28th regular-season victory and extend their home winning streak to 24 games, second best in the nation.

"Obviously, we played very well," Osborne said. "We didn't play with the same intensity throughout the game, but that's understandable."



**Jon Vedral caught one of Tommie Frazier's two touchdown passes on the day, but he couldn't hold on to this one.**



Arizona State .....7 14 7 0 — 28  
 Nebraska .....35 28 0 14 — 77

**NU** — Clinton Childs 65 run (Kris Brown kick)  
**NU** — Ahman Green 3 run (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Frazier 15 run (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Frazier 27 pass to Jon Vedral (Brown kick)  
**ASU** — Jake Plummer 2 pass to Keith Poole (Robert Nycz kick)  
**NU** — Jeff Makovicka 13 run (Brown kick)  
**ASU** — Plummer 80 pass to Poole (Nycz kick)  
**NU** — Childs 38 run (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Frazier 28 pass to Clester Johnson (Brown kick)  
**ASU** — Plummer 38 pass to Poole (Nycz kick)  
**NU** — Green 26 run (Ted Retzlaff kick)  
**NU** — Frazier 3 TD run (Retzlaff kick)  
**NU** — Terry Battle 1 TD run (Nycz kick)  
**NU** — Terrell Farley 21 interception return (Retzlaff kick)  
**NU** — Matt Turman 39 pass to Lance Brown (Retzlaff kick)  
 Att. — 75,418

Team Statistics	NU	ASU
First downs.....	0	17
Rushes-Yards.....	55-423	45-171
Passing.....	12-20-1	14-33-2
Passing Yards.....	292	290
Total Yards.....	686	461
Total Plays.....	75	78
Avg. Per Play.....	9.1	5.9
Punts-Avg.....	2-61.0	7-39.4
Punt Returns-yards.....	2-31	0-00
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	3-65	5-76
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	5-30	8-66
Time of Possession.....	27:27	32:33
3rd Down Conversions.....	7-11	7-17
4th Down Conversions.....	0-2	0-2

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Clinton Childs 12-133, Ahman Green 13-111, James Sims 7-47, Tommie Frazier 5-35, Jeff Makovicka 8-33, Brian Schuster 2-11, Matt Turman 2-10, Brook Berringer 3-2, Joel Makovicka 2-2, Chad Eicher 1-2.

**PASSING** — Frazier 7-10-1 191, Berringer 2-6-0 16, Turman 2-2-0 51, Childs 1-1-0 34, Green 0-1-0.

**RECEIVING** — Clester Johnson 1-129, Mark Gilman 3-39, Reggie Baul 1-36, Jon Vedral 1-27, Vershan Jackson 1-12, Kenny Cheatham 1-10.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Mike Minter.....	8	0-0	0-0
Scott Saltsman.....	6	0-0	1-1
Ryan Terwilliger.....	5	0-0	0-0
Doug Colman.....	5	0-0	0-0

Arizona State Coach Bruce Synder said Nebraska's 63 points in the first half was simply overwhelming.

"I've never been in an avalanche but I imagine it would be something like what I was feeling," he said. "It was like, my god, I'm standing there and it's coming down on me. There was a real sense of helplessness."

Starting quarterback Tommie Frazier led NU on eight scoring drives in the first half, while reserve quarterback Brook Berringer saw action in two drives, one of which led to a 38-yard touchdown run by Childs in the second quarter.

Arizona State didn't quit, however. Quarterback Jake Plummer burned the Huskers' secondary three times in the first half and each long pass led to a Sun Devil touchdown.

Plummer connected with wide receiver Keith Poole for a two-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter to make it 28-7 with 3:35 left in the first quarter. In the second quarter, he hit Poole for an 80-yard scoring bomb and later on for a 38-yard strike, which made it 49-21.

Poole said the Huskers' 35-7 lead after the first quarter left the Sun Devils shell-shocked.

"I didn't expect it to be that bad," the 6-foot-2, 188-pound junior from Clovis, Calif., said. "I've never been beaten by a

team like that."

The absence of Phillips — the nation's leading returning rusher and a candidate for the Heisman Trophy — didn't seem to matter against the over-matched Sun Devils. Phillips was dismissed from the NU football team after assaulting Kate McEwen, a member of the Husker women's basketball team in the early morning hours following NU's 50-10 win over Michigan State.

Childs, a 6-foot, 215-pound senior, made the most of his first career start, carrying the ball 12 times for 143 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

Even the Husker defense got in on the scoring act. Junior linebacker Terrell Farley picked off a tipped pass by Arizona State quarterback Jason Verdugo early in the fourth quarter and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown that made the score 70-28. ■







## This **WEEK** in **COLLEGE** Football

Auburn replaced Penn State in this week's AP top five: Florida State, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Florida, Auburn.

Nebraska linebacker Phil Ellis was named the Big Eight Conference defensive player of the week for his nine tackles and three quarterback hurries against Michigan State.

Starting I-back Lawrence Phillips was dismissed from the football team following an early morning assault Sept. 11 on Kate McEwen, a member of the NU women's basketball team.

Running back Damon Benning maintained his innocence after being charged with misdemeanor assault on his former girlfriend. And for the first time in at least 30 years, players on Nebraska's football team decided they would not grant interviews.

Florida scored 48 unanswered points after trailing 30-14 to beat Tennessee 62-37.

Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz underwent surgery to remove pressure on his spinal cord and will out at least three weeks, leaving defensive coordinator Bob Davie as interim coach.

Arkansas scored one of its biggest victories in years when J.J. Meadors caught a fourth-down pass with six seconds remaining to give the Hogs a 20-19 win over No. 13 Alabama.



**With Lawrence Phillips out indefinitely, even fourth-string I-back James Sims (above) got a chance to show off his moves.**

**The offensive line (left) helped NU record its 10th best all-time total offense mark in school history.**







DESPITE LOSING DAMON BENNING TO INJURY,  
THE HUSKERS' WIN OVER PACIFIC WAS NOTHING BUT

# SMOOTH SAILING

**T**he Husker backfield, already decimated by an injury to Clinton Childs and the indefinite suspension of Lawrence Phillips, was further depleted when starter Damon Benning injured his right ankle.

But the void created by the absence of Nebraska's top three tailbacks was adequately filled by true freshman Ahman Green and sophomore James Sims, who helped the Huskers roll up a whopping 731 yards of total offense in a 49-7 win over the Tigers before a Memorial Stadium crowd of 75,630.

Green, a former USA Today high school All-American, sparked in his first extensive action of the season, rushing for 112 yards and two touchdowns as Nebraska racked up its fourth lopsided win of the season. Pacific, which lost to the Huskers 70-21 last year, fell to 1-3 overall.

"Our players responded as well as they could have under the circumstances,"

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "I don't think they were flat, but I don't think they were quite as excited as they have been or will be. Overall, it went about as well as I could have hoped for."

Benning had already faced his share of adversity coming into the game. The 5-foot-11, 205-pound junior out of Omaha Northwest High School initially was charged with misdemeanor assault two weeks ago, but had the charges dropped earlier this week. In his first career start, Benning put the issue behind him and ran for three first-quarter touchdowns before going out with an ankle sprain in the third quarter.

After the game, Benning said he hoped to be fully recovered in time for next week's game against Washington State. He entered Saturday's game nursing a sore hamstring—which had kept him out of the Huskers' previous two games.

"I rolled it (the ankle) a bit," he said.



**Damon Benning (opposite page) was superb in his first start in two years, scoring on runs of 26, 17 and 43 yards.**

**Matt Turman (above) saw extensive action in the fourth quarter, but NU didn't score after the third.**



Nebraska	.....21	14	14	0	—	49
Pacific	.....0	0	7	0	—	7

NU	—	Damon Benning 26 run (Kris Brown kick)
NU	—	Benning 17 run (Brown kick)
NU	—	Benning 43 run (Brown kick)
NU	—	Ahman Green 4 run (Brown kick)
NU	—	James Sims 9 run (Brown kick)
NU	—	Tommie Frazier 5 run (Brown kick)
NU	—	Ahman Green 13 run (Ted Retzlaff kick)
P	—	Tyrone Watley 12 pass from Nick Sellers (Roger Fleenor kick)
Att.	—	75,630

Team Statistics	NU	PAC
First downs.....	36	7
Rushes-Yards.....	70-569	17-60
Passing.....	16-36-2	13-25-0
Passing Yards.....	162	137
Total Yards.....	731	197
Total Plays.....	70	48
Avg. Per Play.....	6.9	4.1
Punts-Avg.....	1-33.0	11-43.7
Punt Returns-yards.....	10-139	0-00
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	0-00	5-55
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	3-26	2-20
Time of Possession.....	38:36	20:16
3rd Down Conversions.....	9-19	2-13
4th Down Conversions.....	4-6	0-0

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Damon Benning 10-173, James Sims 9-55, Ahman Green 15-112, Jeff Makovicka 5-33, Tommie Frazier 7-62, Brook Berringer 3-21, Joel Makovicka 3-29, Brian Schuster 3-47, Matt Turman 6-12, Chad Eicher 2-3, Billy Legate 4-11, Reggie Baul 1-8, Josh Cobb 1-2, Chris Norris 1-0.

**PASSING** — Berringer 9-17-0 57, Frazier 6-14-1 90, Turman 1-5-1 15.

**RECEIVING** — Sheldon Jackson 1-15, Brendan Holbein 2-24, Jon Vedral 2-23, Baul 2-24, Clester Johnson 2-31, Riley Washington 2-13, Green 2-(-2), Tim Carpenter 1-15.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Terrell Farley.....	4	1-8	0-0
Mike Minter.....	3	0-0	0-0
Ryan Terwilliger.....	3	0-0	0-0
Michael Booker.....	3	0-0	0-0
Doug Colman.....	3	0-0	0-0
Jason Peter.....	2	0-0	2-3
Chad Kelsey.....	2	0-0	0-0
Darren Schmadeke.....	2	0-0	0-0

**"I don't know if there's such a thing as a perfect college football team, but they're about as close as you can come."**

— Pacific running back Joe Abdullah

"It's a little more of that bad luck. I'll come in tomorrow and hopefully get some treatment and be ready to go for next week."

Benning's 108 yards rushing on eight carries in the first half helped Nebraska to a 35-0 halftime lead on a chilly, windy day in Lincoln. He had touchdown runs of 26, 17 and 43 yards as the Huskers scored on three of their first four possessions. He finished the game with a career-high 173 yards rushing on 10 carries.

The Huskers' top offensive and defensive units played most of the first half and part of the third quarter before retiring to the sidelines. All 102 NU players who suited up saw action. Nebraska did not score again after Green ran for his second touchdown of the game with 7:12 remaining in the third quarter.

"It's great blowing teams out every week, but we need to be ready so when we have a close game, we're prepared for it," said defensive tackle Christian Peter.

For the game, NU's total of 731 total yards of offense was the fifth-best offensive performance in school history.

Pacific's only points of the day resulted from a six-play, 71-yard drive late in the third quarter that concluded with a 12-yard touchdown reception by Tyrone Watley from back-up quarterback Nick Sellers. ■



## GAME NOTES

### Washington Plays In First Game

With second-degree murder charges still pending against him, wide receiver Riley Washington played in his first game for the Huskers this season.

The 5-9, 165-pound junior out of Chula Vista, Calif., entered the game for the first time early in the second quarter and caught a pass from Frazier with 9:44 left in the half. The play drew moderate applause from the Memorial Stadium crowd. He finished the game with two catches for 13 yards.



## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

This week's AP top five: Florida State, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Florida, Southern Cal. USC replaced Auburn at No. 5 after the Tigers lost 12-6 to LSU.

Nebraska athletic director Bill Byrne said Nebraska would make a bid to host the Big 12 Conference football championship game.

Colorado needed the heroics of reserve quarterback John Hessler to complete its upset of third-ranked Texas A&M. Hessler scored two touchdowns and passed for a third in a 29-21 win after Koy Detmer went down in the first quarter with a possible season-ending injury.

Iowa State sophomore running back Troy Davis ran for a school-record 302 yards and five touchdowns in a 57-30 drubbing of UNLV.



### Side Judge Goes Down

Side judge David Warden was shaken up on Damon Benning's 62-yard run on the first play of the second half when he was knocked out of bounds as Benning was tackled.

Warden, who makes his home in Henryetta, Okla., walked off the field under his own power after being attended to by Nebraska trainers.

He did not return to the game and the remaining six officials readjusted their positions to compensate for his absence. ■



**Fullback Brian Schuster escaped for a 43-yard run (upper section) but he was dragged down from behind at the Pacific 16.**

**Pacific Coach Chuck Shelton (above) seemed more prepared for a lopsided loss the second time around. In 1994, his Tigers lost 70-21.**









HOLDING OFF A FORMIDABLE WASHINGTON STATE TEAM, THE HUSKERS PULL TOGETHER TO PASS THEIR

# FIRST BIG TEST

NEBRASKA 35  
WASH. ST. 21  
**GAME 5**

**T**he test that second-ranked Nebraska was looking for Saturday against Washington State proved to be a formidable challenge.

The Huskers fell behind for the first time this season and never led by more than 21 points in earning a 35-21 win over the Cougars before a crowd of 75,777 at Memorial Stadium.

The victory was also the first Nebraska win over a Washington State team in four games between the two schools. It extended the Huskers' regular-season winning streak to 30 games.

"I guess we finally beat Washington State," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "It wasn't easy. It was a good game for us, though. They really played well. I don't know if they're going to win the Pac 10, but



they're going to be very competitive with everybody they play."

The Cougars (2-2) surprised the Huskers with a first-quarter touchdown, but Nebraska recovered to score 20 points in the second quarter on the way to a 20-7 half-time lead. After trailing 28-7, Washington State scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to make the final margin 14 points.

**Tight end Mark Gilman (opposite page) secured the victory by hauling in a 35-yard touchdown pass with less than eight minutes left.**

**The Huskers and Tommie Frazier (above) didn't flip when Washington State took a 7-0 lead less than four minutes into the game. Frazier scored two second-quarter touchdowns to put Nebraska back in front.**



Nebraska .....0 20 8 7 — 35  
Washington State ...7 0 0 14 — 21

WS — Frank Madu 87 run (Tony Truant kick)  
NU — Tommie Frazier 4 run (Kris Brown kick)  
NU — Frazier 20 run (Brown kick)  
NU — Brown 33 FG  
NU — Brown 22 FG  
NU — Ahman Green 3 run (Brown pass to Brian Schuster)  
WS — Shawn Tims 33 pass from Chad Davis (Truant kick)  
NU — Mark Gillman 35 pass from Frazier (Brown kick)  
WS — Tims 30 pass from Davis (Truant kick)  
Att — 75,777

Team Statistics	NU	WSU
First downs.....	27	17
Rushes-Yards.....	63-428	24-72
Passing.....	9-20-0	20-37-0
Passing Yards.....	99	278
Total Yards.....	527	350
Total Plays.....	83	61
Avg. Per Play.....	6.3	5.7
Punts-Avg.....	4-37.0	8-45.0
Punt Returns-yards.....	6-47	1-(-1)
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	4-76	7-61
Fumbles-Lost.....	5-3	2-0
Penalties-Yards.....	3-35	5-42
Time of Possession.....	35:17	24:43
3rd Down Conversions.....	8-17	4-14
4th Down Conversions.....	2-2	0-1

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Ahman Green 13-176, Tommie Frazier 15-70, Jeff Makovicka 4-64, Damon Benning 20-63, Brian Schuster 5-42, Clester Johnson 2-20, Joel Makovicka 1-1, Brook Berringer 2-(-5).  
**PASSING** — Frazier 9-19-0 99, Berringer 0-1-0.  
**RECEIVING** — Mark Gilman 1-35, Johnson 4-31, Reggie Baul 2-19, Brendan Holbein 1-8, Jon Vedral 1-6.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Grant Wistrom.....	5	1-8	4-16
Tyrone Williams.....	5	0-0	1-9
Jared Tomich.....	5	0-0	1-2
Doug Colman.....	4	0-0	1-4
Mike Minter.....	4	0-0	0-0
Jason Peter.....	3	0-0	2-5
Ryan Terwilliger.....	3	0-0	2-4
Christian Peter.....	1	1-9	1-9

**"It was a little louder than I thought it was going to be. The last time I was here, I was in the press box."**

— Washington State Coach Mike Price



Washington State's vaunted defense against the rush — ranked fourth in the nation — surrendered three rushing touchdowns and 259 yards on the ground to the Huskers in the first half.

Averaging a nation-leading 689 yards a game, NU rolled up 527 total yards, including 428 yards rushing. But the Huskers also fumbled five times, losing three.

"We missed two or three scoring opportunities," Osborne said. "Maybe some of that was my fault. I thought we could just

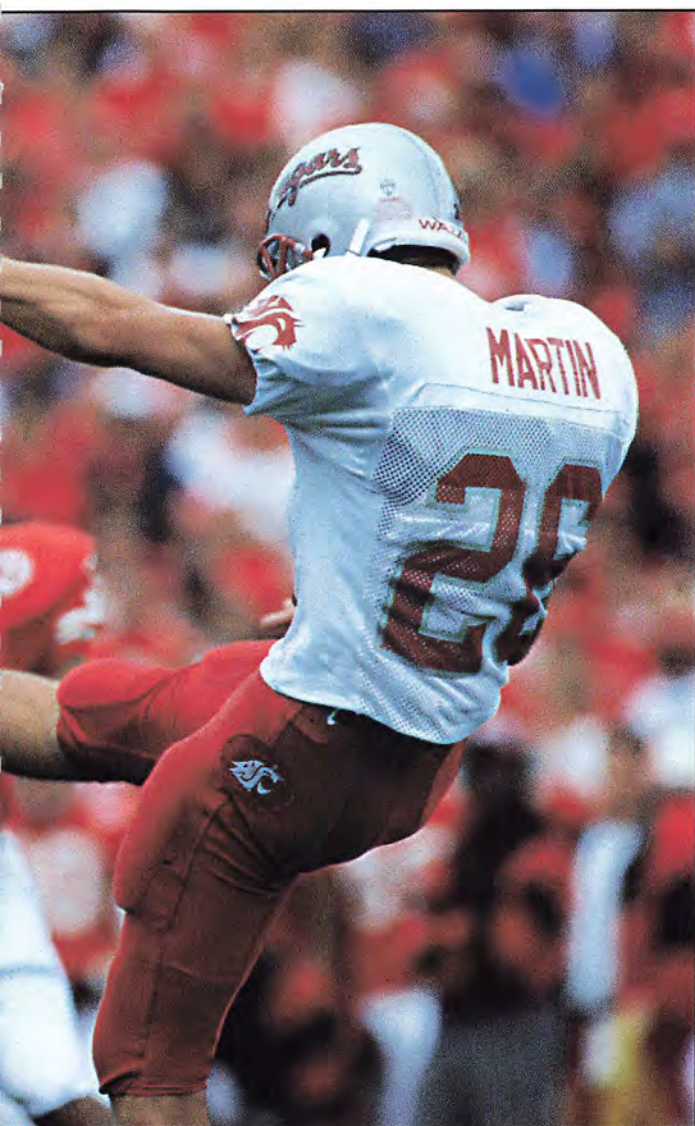
run it in the end zone. But they play a real tough goal-line defense."

Washington State quarterback Chad Davis, often operating out of a no-back set, completed 20 of 27 passes for 278 yards and threw touchdown passes of 33 and 30 yards.

"A couple times our coverage wasn't all that good and we just weren't getting the pressure (on the quarterback)," Osborne said.

"Last year, we had a very tough game against Wyoming. So this won't hurt us; it'll certainly help."





Whether it was Terrell Farley (left) partially blocking a punt or Christian Peter (above) sacking quarterback Frank Madu, the Huskers' defense made enough big plays to contain the Cougars.

## GAME NOTES

### Stadium Hosts 400th Game

The game between Nebraska and Washington State was the 400th Husker football game since the stadium was dedicated in 1923.

Under cloudy, threatening skies in Lincoln, the stadium was filled to capacity for the 204th consecutive time, dating back to Bob Devaney's first year at Nebraska (Nov. 3, 1962).

### Phillips Decision Sparks Protest

About 20 members of the UNL Women's Center and Nebraska National Organization for Women stood at the corner of 10th and T streets outside Memorial Stadium before Saturday's game.

Judith Kriss, director of the Women's Center, said Osborne angered women when he suggested that what former running back Lawrence Phillips did when he assaulted his ex-girlfriend earlier this month was "really not that bad."

## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

This week's AP top five: Florida State, Nebraska, Florida, Colorado, Southern Cal. Miami dropped out of the Top 25 for the first time since Oct. 14, 1985, after losing to previously winless Virginia Tech 13-7.

Redshirt sophomore John Hessler tied a Big Eight Conference record in throwing five touchdown passes in Colorado's 38-17 win over Oklahoma.

Wisconsin ended Penn State's nation-leading 20-game win streak with a 17-9 upset of the sixth-ranked Nittany Lions in State College, Pa.

Prairie View A&M lost an NCAA record 51st straight game in a 64-0 drubbing by Grambling State.









COASTING TO A BIG WIN OVER TIGERS,  
THE BLACKSHIRTS RECORDED THEIR FIRST  
SHUT OUT OF 1995 IN AN UNDENIABLE DISPLAY OF

# DOMINATING DEFENSE



**I**t was left up to the Huskers' second and third-string defensive units to preserve Nebraska's first shutout of the season — a 57-0 win over Missouri.

Three second-half sacks and a late defensive stand paved the way for the Huskers' first shutout since a 31-0 win over West Virginia in the season-opener last year in the Kickoff Classic. A sellout crowd of 75,552 at Memorial Stadium watched Nebraska notch its sixth win of the season and register its 19th straight victory overall.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne praised his team's defensive effort, which allowed just 122 total yards.

"I thought our defense played awfully well," Osborne said. "There was a good pass rush and we were very sound. I was really proud of some of the second and third

unit guys who really don't necessarily get a lot of practice repetition. They seemed to hold up pretty well later in the ball game.

"Overall, defensively, it was probably our best performance."

The Huskers were never challenged by the 2-4 Tigers, who were held scoreless for the second straight week. Nebraska led 28-0 at the half and, after being forced to punt on their opening possession of the second half, the Huskers scored on four straight possessions to close out the game.

Missouri drove into



**Luther Hardin's sack (opposite page) of Brandon Corso was one of four by the Huskers while cornerback Michael Booker (above) broke up the Tigers' air assault.**



Nebraska	7	21	22	7	—	57
Missouri	0	0	0	0	—	00

**NU** — Tommie Frazier 29 run (Kris Brown kick)  
**NU** — Frazier 1 run (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Frazier 1 run (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Frazier 29 pass to Brendan Holbein (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Safety (Terrell Farley blocks punt out of end zone)  
**NU** — Ahman Green 9 run (kick failed)  
**NU** — Frazier 6 pass to Sheldon Jackson (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Matt Turman 1 run (Ted Retzlaff kick)  
**NU** — Damon Benning 16 run (Retzlaff kick)  
**Att.** — 75,552

Team Statistics	MU	NU
First downs	9	21
Rushes-Yards	39-39	51-342
Passing	9-24-2	7-15-0
Passing Yards	83	133
Total Yards	122	475
Total Plays	63	66
Avg. Per Play	1.9	7.2
Punts-Avg	11-34.5	5-33.4
Punt Returns-yards	0-0	10-80
Kickoff Returns-yards	6-90	1-21
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	7-1
Penalties-Yards	5-24	5-36
Time of Possession	35:16	24:44
3rd Down Conversions	4-17	3-11
4th Down Conversions	0-0	2-3

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Ahman Green 15-90, Tommie Frazier 8-71, Damon Benning 8-37, Riley Washington 2-35, Jeff Makovicka 5-33, James Sims 2-29, Brian Schuster 2-24, Clinton Childs 6-22, Matt Turman 3-1.

**PASSING** — Frazier 7-14-0 133, Turman 0-1-0.

**RECEIVING** — Mark Gilman 2-57, Jon Vedral 1-36, Brendan Holbein 1-29, Childs 1-9, Sheldon Jackson 1-6, Green 1-(-4).

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Doug Colman	8	0-0	1.5-2
Christian Peter	6	0-0	.5-1
Ryan Tervilliger	6	0-0	0-0
Terrell Farley	5	0-0	1-1
Jay Foreman	5	0-0	0-0
Jon Hesse	4	0-0	5-1
Jamel Williams	3	1-10	1-10
Grant Wistrom	3	0-0	1.5-6
Luther Hardin	2	1-8	1-8
Chad Kelsey	2	2-12	2-12



Nebraska territory only two times on 15 possessions and both drives ended with interceptions. The Tigers' deepest penetration of the day came with just more than two minutes left in the game when they drove to the NU 26. But Brandon Corso's pass into the end zone was picked off by senior cornerback Darren Schmadeke to preserve the shutout.

"It was very frustrating," Missouri Coach Larry Smith said. "It goes back to one thing. We're a very young and immature offensive football team."

NU quarterback Tommie Frazier threw

for 133 yards and two touchdowns

and ran for 81 yards on 17 carries and three touchdowns. He suffered a mild case of turf toe in the second half, Osborne said, and didn't play again after throwing a touchdown pass to Sheldon Jackson with 4:40 left in the third quarter.

The senior from Palmetto, Fla., scored the first of his three first-half rushing touchdowns on a dazzling 29-yard run on the second play of NU's second possession.

Frazier juiced two defenders after following







his blockers to put NU ahead 7-0 with 7:08 left in the first quarter.

"Frazier did a lot of good things," Osborne said. "Obviously, two or three passes might have been a little better. I think the biggest thing was that we got through without a lot of injuries."

Frazier scored on a pair of one-yard rushing touchdowns in the second quarter on back-to-back possessions to put Nebraska up 21-0. The Blackshirt defense then recovered

its second fumble of the first half to set up another score on the final play of the half.

A Frazier pass, intended for wideout Jon Vedral, hit Vedral's outstretched hands and flew forward into the hands of split end Brendan Holbein, who cradled the ball as he fell in the end zone as time expired.

The Blackshirts' defense was superb in the first half, recovering two Missouri fumbles and intercepting one pass. Nebraska limited the Tigers to just 60 yards

**Damon Benning's 16-yard run early in the fourth quarter (opposite page) was the last of the Huskers' six rushing touchdowns.**

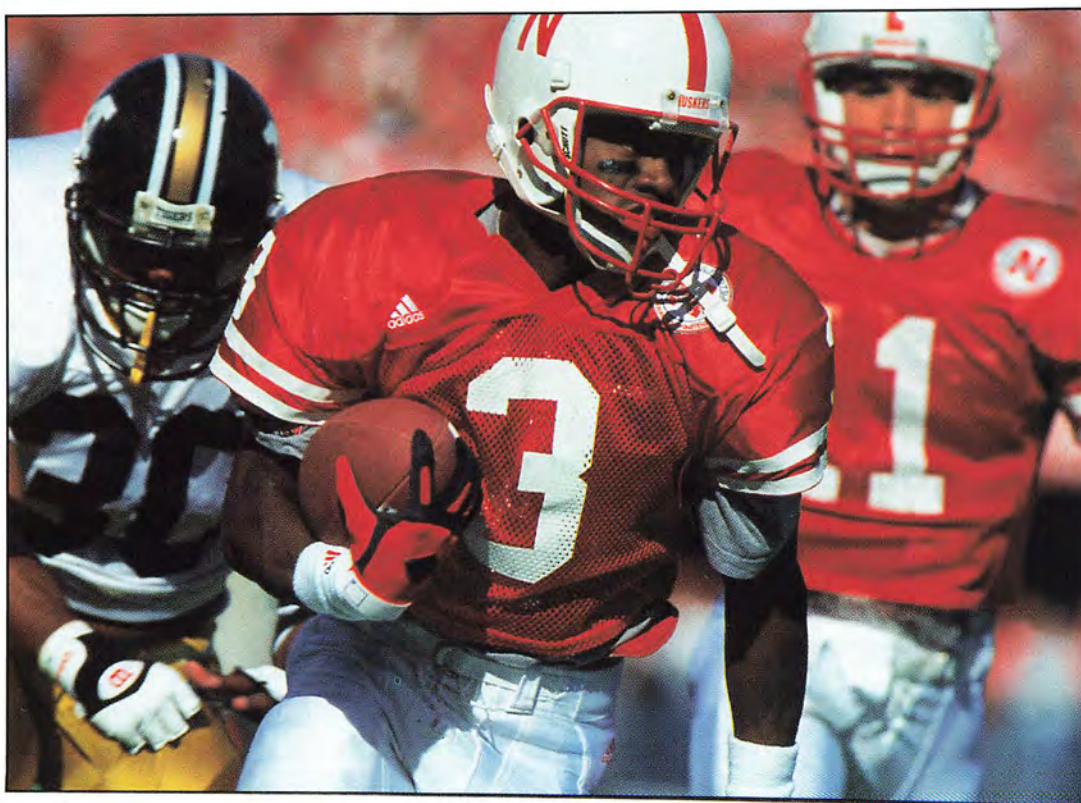
**The Blackshirts (above) ganged up on Missouri's running game, holding the Tigers to 39 yards in 39 carries.**





Two of the Tigers' five fumbles were recovered by Nebraska (above) and led to touchdowns.

Riley Washington (right) dashed 40 yards on a third-quarter reverse to set up the Huskers' seventh touchdown of the game.





of total offense and three first downs.

"This was great," linebacker Jared Tomich said. "We've been trying to do this all year. We put a big emphasis on it every game to keep that zero up there. It's a good feeling to finally get that goose egg up on the board."

The Huskers' Terrell Farley blocked Jason Smith's punt from the end zone for a safety on the Tigers' second possession of the second half to increase Nebraska's lead to 30-0 with 9:42 remaining in the third quarter. It was Farley's second blocked punt of the season.

Ahman Green scored on a nine-yard run to increase the lead to 36-0 with 8:22 left on Nebraska's subsequent possession. He finished with 90 yards rushing on 15 carries.

Frazier, who completed 7 of 14 passes in the game, connected with Vedral on a 36-yard pass play, then hit freshman tight end Sheldon Jackson for a six-yard touchdown to cap a five-play, 58-yard drive that took just 92 seconds off the clock. ■

## GAME NOTES

### Frazier, Turman Share QB Duties

Nebraska used the services of just two quarterbacks — Tommie Frazier and Matt Turman — in Saturday's 57-0 win.

The Huskers' No. 2 signal-caller, Brook Berringer, sat out the game while recovering

from a knee injury. Freshman QB Frankie London, who is in the midst of a redshirt year, suited up, but did not play.

### Nebraska Fumbles Seven Times

The Huskers uncharacteristically put the ball on the Memorial Stadium carpet seven times Saturday, losing possession once. Missouri fumbled five times, losing two.

"We had a couple of early snaps late in the game that shouldn't have happened," Osborne said. "We had a couple of pitch-outs that didn't go quite right, but I thought overall we took pretty good care of the ball today."

### NCAA Rules On Phillips' Case

Nebraska learned late Thursday from the NCAA that running back Lawrence Phillips did not violate any rules by accepting gifts and a leased car from the owners of a group home in California where he grew up.

The decision brings to an end a four-month investigation by both the NCAA and Al Papik, Nebraska's senior associate athletic director in charge of compliance.

Phillips, a preseason Heisman Trophy candidate, remains suspended from the Husker football team after an altercation involving his former girlfriend. Osborne has said there is a chance Phillips could return to the team if medical personnel confirm he is no longer a danger to himself or others. ■

## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

This week's AP top five: Florida State, Nebraska, Florida, Ohio State, Southern Cal. Kansas and Kansas State simultaneously made their first appearances in the Top 25. Kansas upset Colorado 40-24 last week while Kansas State posted its third straight shutout.

Ahman Green became only the third true freshman ever to start at I-back for the Huskers when he made his first career start against Missouri.

Danny Kanell passed for 323 yards and five touchdowns in the first half as top-ranked Florida State scored 41 points in less than 15 minutes on the way to a 72-13 win over Wake Forest.

Northwestern, behind Darnell Autry's 73-yard run in the fourth quarter, rallied to defeat Minnesota 21-17, guaranteeing the Wildcats their best season since the 1971 team went 7-4.

Danny Wuerffel threw for 380 yards and four touchdowns as No. 3 Florida beat No. 7 Auburn 49-38.

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**"Overall,  
I think it was  
an average  
day for us.  
Looking back,  
I wonder if we  
were clicking on  
all cylinders."**

—Nebraska center Aaron Graham









UNDEFEATED KANSAS STATE CAME IN CONFIDENT,  
BUT IN THE END NEBRASKA'S OFFENSE WAS IMPRESSIVE IN ITS

# TAMING OF THE 'CATS



Despite all the hoopla about Kansas State and its Top 10 ranking this season, it seemed just like old times at Memorial Stadium against the Wildcats.

The Huskers scored on four consecutive offensive possessions in the first half — including two touchdowns in a three-second span of the second quarter — to cruise to a 35-6 halftime lead.

But the eighth-ranked Wildcats refused to quit. Led by back-up quarterback Brian Kavanagh, Kansas State scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter and added another on a blocked punt to close within 42-25 with 5:59 left.

But Tommie Frazier, who was replaced by back-up Matt Turman before the blocked punt, threw his fourth touchdown pass of the game on a 10-yard shovel pass to Ahman Green to

extend the lead to 49-25 and hand the Wildcats their first loss of the season in seven games.

Nebraska, playing before a season-high crowd of 76,072, improved to 7-0 on the



season and 3-0 in Big Eight Conference games.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said early substitutions on defense cost Nebraska its big lead.

"We probably backed off a little too

**Ahman Green (opposite page) showed his versatility, scoring twice on pass receptions from Tommie Frazier.**

**Kevin Lockett (above) caught two of K-State's three touchdown passes as the Wildcats scored three times in the final 15 minutes.**



Nebraska .....21 14 7 7 — 49  
 Kansas State .....6 0 0 19 — 25

**NU** — Mike Fullman 79 punt return (Kris Brown kick)  
**KSU** — Kevin Lockett 18 from Matt Miller (kick failed)  
**NU** — Jon Vedral recovers ball in end zone (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Sheldon Jackson 11 pass from Tommie Frazier (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Ahman Green 10 pass from Frazier (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Luther Hardin 3 interception return (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Vedral 32 pass from Frazier (Brown kick)  
**KSU** — Mitch Running 7 pass from Brian Kavanagh (pass failed)  
**KSU** — Lockett 10 pass from Kavanagh (Martin Gramatica kick)  
**KSU** — Clyde Johnson 6 blocked punt return (pass failed)  
**NU** — Green 12 pass from Frazier (Brown kick)  
 Att. — 76,072

Team Statistics	KSU	NU
First downs.....	17	19
Rushes-Yards.....	26-(-19)	46-190
Passing.....	24-48-2	10-17-0
Passing Yards.....	275	148
Total Yards.....	256	338
Total Plays.....	74	63
Avg. Per Play.....	3.5	5.4
Punts-Avg.....	6-44.3	4-22.8
Punt Returns-yards.....	1-25	3-90
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	4-104	4-58
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards.....	14-113	7-64
Time of Possession.....	29:07	0:53
3rd Down Conversions.....	5-18	7-13
4th Down Conversions.....	3-4	0-2

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Ahman Green 22-109, Tommie Frazier 6-36, Jeff Makovicka 6-21, Brian Schuster 1-10, Clinton Childs 4-9, Damon Benning 5-2, James Sims 1-3.

**PASSING** — Frazier 10-16-0 148, Turman 0-1-0.

**RECEIVING** — Green 3-41, Sheldon Jackson 2-18, Jon Vedral 1-32, Benning 1-23, Clester Johnson 1-12, Mark Gilman 1-11, Riley Washington 1-11.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Terrell Farley.....	9	2-22	2-22
Grant Wistrom.....	5	4-13	2-10
Michael Booker.....	4	0-0	0-0
Doug Colman.....	4	2-13	2-13



early,” he said. “We ended up having to put some guys back in at a point where we didn’t want to put guys back in.”

Osborne said the victory left his team banged up. Green sprained his ankle and Sheldon Jackson, who caught a second-quarter TD pass, suffered a slight hip pointer. Brendan Holbein had a stinger that put him out of the game and offensive lineman Chris Dishman suffered a deep thigh bruise. Tight end Mark Gilman sustained a hip injury.

Nebraska’s offense was in top form through the first three quarters. After being stopped on their opening possession of the game, the second-ranked Huskers scored on a punt return and its next four offensive possessions to take a 35-6 lead at halftime. The Huskers were finally stopped from scoring when a fourth down pass fell incomplete on their first possession of the second half.

Despite the scoring spurt, Nebraska was held to a season-low 338 yards of total offense, including 190 yards rushing. For the





Whether he was in K-State's backfield (left) or in the open field (above), linebacker Terrell Farley (No. 43) made the most of his first start. The junior college transfer was in on nine tackles, including two quarterback sacks for 22 yards in losses.

first time this season, NU did not score a rushing touchdown.

The Huskers came into the game averaging 626 yards, second highest in the nation.

Nebraska limited K-State to 47 yards of total offense in the first half and sacked quarterback Matt Miller twice in the first half and four times in the third quarter. They also sacked Kavanagh once late in the fourth quarter.

"We're glad to get out of it with a good, solid win and move on to Boulder,"

Osborne said. "Of course, we've got a lot of tough games coming up."

After scoring on their second drive of the game, the Wildcats entered Husker territory only once more the remainder of the first half.

#### NU Scores First On Long Punt Return

Mike Fullman, a junior cornerback, returned Kansas State's first punt 79 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 7-0 lead with 10:29 left in the first quarter. Fullman's stirring return up the far sideline through heavy traffic was the Huskers' first touchdown on a

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**"K**ansas State was the No. 1 defense in the nation. We wanted to go out and play well. We wanted to show them that in head-to-head competition that maybe they weren't better than us."

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— Husker Rush End Grant Wistrom





**The second-ranked Huskers were anxious to get started on their 28th consecutive win over the Wildcats.**

**Mike Fullman's 79-yard punt return for a touchdown (opposite page) in the first quarter brought the Memorial Stadium crowd to its feet before it had time to get settled.**

punt return since Morgan Gregory's score against Kansas on Oct. 8, 1988.

Kansas State, after a 30-yard kickoff return on the ensuing possession, needed eight plays to go 49 yards for a touchdown on an 18-yard pass from quarterback Matt Miller to wide receiver Kevin Lockett. But

Martin Gramatica's extra-point kick sailed wide right, allowing NU to keep its lead.

Frazier completed 7 of his first 11 passes, including a 32-yard strike to a wide-open Jon Vedral for his third TD of the game that made it 42-6 with 4:31 left in the third quarter.

The Blackshirts intercepted Miller again after Hardin's pick. On K-State's first possession of the second half, Michael Booker got his second interception of the season when he picked off a Miller pass and returned it to the Wildcats' 41.

Miller, who finished the day 10 of 24 passing for 109 yards was replaced at the end of the third quarter by junior

Brian Kavanagh, who led the Wildcats to a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns.

Despite those highlights, Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder was not happy.

"We weren't good in any aspect," the seven-year coach said. "We weren't good on offense. We weren't very good on defense



and we weren't very good in the kicking game. The kicking game got us in the hole to begin with and then it happened to our offense and our defense.

"You can't make mistakes we made against a team like Nebraska and expect anything to happen other than what happened. I don't care who you are, they're just too good of a football team." ■

## GAME NOTES

### Farley Makes Most of First Start

Junior college transfer Terrell Farley was impressive in his first start at linebacker. The 6-foot junior registered six unassisted tackles, three assisted tackles and had two quarterback sacks for 22 yards in losses.

### Notable, Quotable

Kansas State's fourth-quarter block of a Bill Lafleur punt marked the first time a Husker opponent has blocked a punt since the Kansas game Nov. 9, 1991.

Nebraska has now scored in 184 straight home games, dating back to a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968.

Throughout their history, the Huskers are 251-1 when scoring 35 or more points.

In the last two weeks, NU has held its two Big Eight opponents to 20 yards rushing (-19 by KSU and 39 by Missouri) on 65 carries.

Frazier is now 27-1 as a starter and 28-3 overall, one shy of Steve Taylor's school-record 29 career victories. ■

## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

This week's AP top five: Florida State, Nebraska, Florida, Ohio State, Southern Cal.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, in an attempt to squelch rumors, announced that running back Lawrence Phillips could return to practice as early as next week but would not play against Kansas State or Colorado.

Colorado squandered a 17-point half-time lead against Iowa State, but produced 23 fourth-quarter points to pull away for a 50-28 win over the Cyclones in Ames, Iowa.

Karim Abdul-Jabbar ran for 261 yards and four touchdowns as visiting UCLA rallied for a 42-28 victory over No. 23 Stanford.

Northwestern routed Wisconsin 35-0 at Evanston, Ill., to clinch the school's first winning season in 24 years.

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**"There aren't any moral victories. A loss is a loss. This football team came in with the idea that if it played well and played hard, it would win."**

— Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder

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TOMMIE FRAZIER MADE HIS STRONGEST STATEMENT YET FOR THE HEISMAN TROPHY AGAINST COLORADO, WHILE THE HUSKERS' OVERALL PERFORMANCE IN BOULDER WAS

# NEARLY FLAWLESS

Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier raised his stock in the Heisman Trophy race by leading

second-ranked Nebraska to a 44-21 win over No. 7 Colorado.

The senior from Palmetto, Fla., threw for a season-high 241 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for another score. He played all but the Huskers' final series in leading Nebraska to its 33rd consecutive regular season victory and its fourth straight win over Colorado.

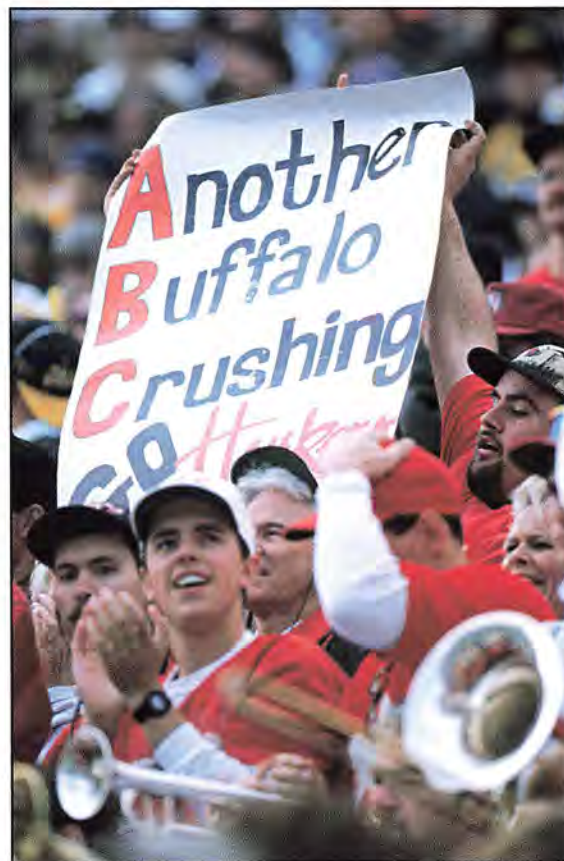
With its national title hopes on the line and playing a road game for the first time since Sept. 9, Nebraska held onto a 24-14 halftime lead in front of a Folsom Field stadium-record crowd of 54,063.

"Tommie's a great player who really holds things together," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "He's the difference maker. He

was pretty much on the money with everything he threw today. He wasn't very much off the mark with anything."

Colorado pulled to within 10 points early in the second half on a 49-yard touchdown pass on fourth down from quarterback John Hessler to junior wideout James Kidd.

But Nebraska answered with a 14-play, 69-yard drive that stalled at the CU 19 and ended with the second of Kris Brown's three field goals of the game. Brown's kick pushed the Huskers' lead up to 34-21 with 2:01 left in the third quarter.



**Terrell Farley's first-quarter interception (opposite page) set up Nebraska's second touchdown and started the Huskers on their way to win over the Colorado for the fourth consecutive season.**



Nebraska	.....21	10	3	10	—	44
Colorado	.....7	7	7	0	—	21

**NU** — Ahman Green 57 run (Kris Brown kick)  
**CU** — Phil Savoy 18 pass from John Hessler (Neil Voskeritchian kick)  
**NU** — Green 1 run (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Clester Johnson 52 pass from Tommie Frazier (Brown kick)  
**CU** — Heath Irwin recovers ball in end zone (Voskeritchian kick)  
**NU** — Kris Brown 25 FG  
**NU** — Jon Vedral 7 TD pass from Frazier (Brown kick)  
**CU** — James Kidd 49 TD pass from Hessler (Voskeritchian kick)  
**NU** — Brown 36 FG  
**NU** — Brown 37 FG  
**NU** — Frazier 2 run (Brown kick)  
**Att** — 54,063

Team Statistics	CU	NU
First downs	20	26
Rushes-Yards	24-113	54-250
Passing	21-43-2	14-23-0
Passing Yards	276	241
Total Yards	382	467
Total Plays	67	72
Avg. Per Play	5.7	6.1
Punts-Avg	6-41.7	2-42.0
Punt Returns-yards	1-(-8)	2-3
Kickoff Returns-yards	6-103	2-30
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	12-92	0-0
Time of Possession	24:12	35:48
3rd Down Conversions	4-13	8-16
4th Down Conversions	2-3	0-2

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Ahman Green 18-97, Tommie Frazier 13-40, Clinton Childs 10-44, Jeff Makovicka 1-7, Brian Schuster 1-1.

**PASSING** — Frazier 14-23-0 241.

**RECEIVING** — Clester Johnson 3-72, Mark Gilman 3-53, Green 2-44, Jon Vedral 2-34, Reggie Baul 2-12, Brendan Holbein 1-16, Makovicka 1-10.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Jamel Williams	8	0-0	0-0
Terrell Farley	7	0-0	0-0
Doug Colman	5	1-1	0-0
Mike Minter	5	0-0	0-0
Tony Veland	5	0-0	0-0
Tyrone Williams	5	0-0	0-0
Grant Wistrom	4	0-0	1-5
Jon Hesse	4	0-0	1-1



**The Huskers didn't look back after Clester Johnson shook loose from Colorado free safety Steve Rosga for a 52-yard touchdown pass late in the first quarter. The touchdown put the Huskers ahead 21-7 on the way to a 31-14 lead at halftime.**

"The bottom line is we were unable to match their execution," first-year Colorado Coach Rick Neuheisel said. "We matched them with intensity and speed, but we couldn't match their execution. We made a few too many mistakes."

A hit by Grant Wistrom on Hessler during Colorado's first offensive series of the fourth quarter led to the sophomore quarterback's second interception of the game and more points for Nebraska.

After linebacker Doug Colman intercepted the ball at Colorado's 21, the Huskers

couldn't convert the short field. Frazier was sacked on third down, leading to a 37-yard field goal by Brown that made it 37-21.

Nebraska scored on five of its seven first-half possessions. The Huskers punted on their second possession, then turned the ball over on downs on their next possession when they couldn't convert on a fourth-down attempt at the CU 42.

Leading 24-14, Nebraska tried to add to its lead just before halftime. The Huskers drove from their own 17 into Colorado territory, helped along by a 15-yard roughing





the passer penalty and a facemask penalty after a eight-yard pass completion.

With 10 seconds left in the second quarter, Frazier hit wingback Jon Vedral for a seven-yard touchdown pass that made it 31-14 at halftime.

"You hate to go into the locker room with that kind of momentum turned," Neuheisel said. "That was a very well-executed drive by their offense."

Colorado, the most-penalized team in the Big Eight, committed 12 penalties for 92 yards. Nebraska was flagged once but

that penalty was declined.

A roughing-the-punter penalty helped Nebraska keep its final scoring drive of the game going. The Huskers drove 74 yards in 12 plays, capping it off with Frazier's two-yard touchdown run.

After Nebraska stopped Colorado on the opening possession of the game, I-back Ahman Green quieted a noisy Folsom Field crowd with a 57-yard touchdown run on the Huskers' first play from scrimmage.

Green, who had 69 yards rushing in the first half and 97 for the game, took a pitch

**The Huskers had their sights set on stampeding the Buffs from the moment they ran onto Folsom Field.**

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**"I thought he was scared of the defense and the defensive line. He got rattled and couldn't react to our zone coverage."**

— Nebraska linebacker Terrell Farley, commenting on Colorado QB John Hessler.

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**Osborne was modest in post-game interviews while Frazier (in background) let it be known that the Huskers had looked forward to a bigger challenge from the Buffs.**

## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

This week's AP top five: Florida State, Nebraska, Florida, Ohio State, Tennessee.

Lawrence Phillips rejoined the Nebraska football team and is expected to suit up for the Nov. 4 home game against Iowa State.

No. 14 Kansas State rebounded from its 49-25 loss to Nebraska by routing No. 6 Kansas, 41-7.

Ohio State's Eddie George scored four touchdowns as the Buckeyes rolled up a 56-7 lead at the half on the way to a 56-35 win over Iowa.

Said Northwestern Coach Gary Barnett after his team's 17-14 win over Illinois: "We're going somewhere warm for Christmas."

from Frazier and dashed around the left end, following his blockers.

Colorado quarterback John Hessler, making just his third start, was sporadic in the first half. The 6-foot-2, 195-pound sophomore threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to wideout Phil Savoy to tie the game at 7-7. But on the Buffs' next series, Hessler threw his third interception in two games and Terrell Farley returned the errant pass 42 yards to the CU 13.

From there, it took the Huskers only four plays to score, going in on Green's one-yard run that made it 14-7 with 2:52 left.

After the Huskers stopped Colorado again, Frazier hooked up with wingback Clester Johnson for a 52-yard touchdown pass. Johnson went up and over CU defender Steve Rosga at the 17-yard line, then dashed cleanly into the end zone after his

15th catch of the season and his second receiving touchdown.

Trailing 21-7, Colorado put together a 15-play, 78-yard drive that needed a fourth-down conversion in Nebraska territory to keep it alive. Lendon Henry fumbled as he was hit by the Huskers' Ryan Terwilliger just before he reached the end zone and offensive guard Heath Irwin pounced on the ball for a touchdown. The scoring drive consumed seven minutes and eight seconds.

A 26-yard pass from Frazier to tight end Mark Gilman set up a 25-yard field goal by Brown with 5:15 remaining in the half. In last year's win over the Buffs, nine of the 12 passes the Huskers completed went to the tight end.

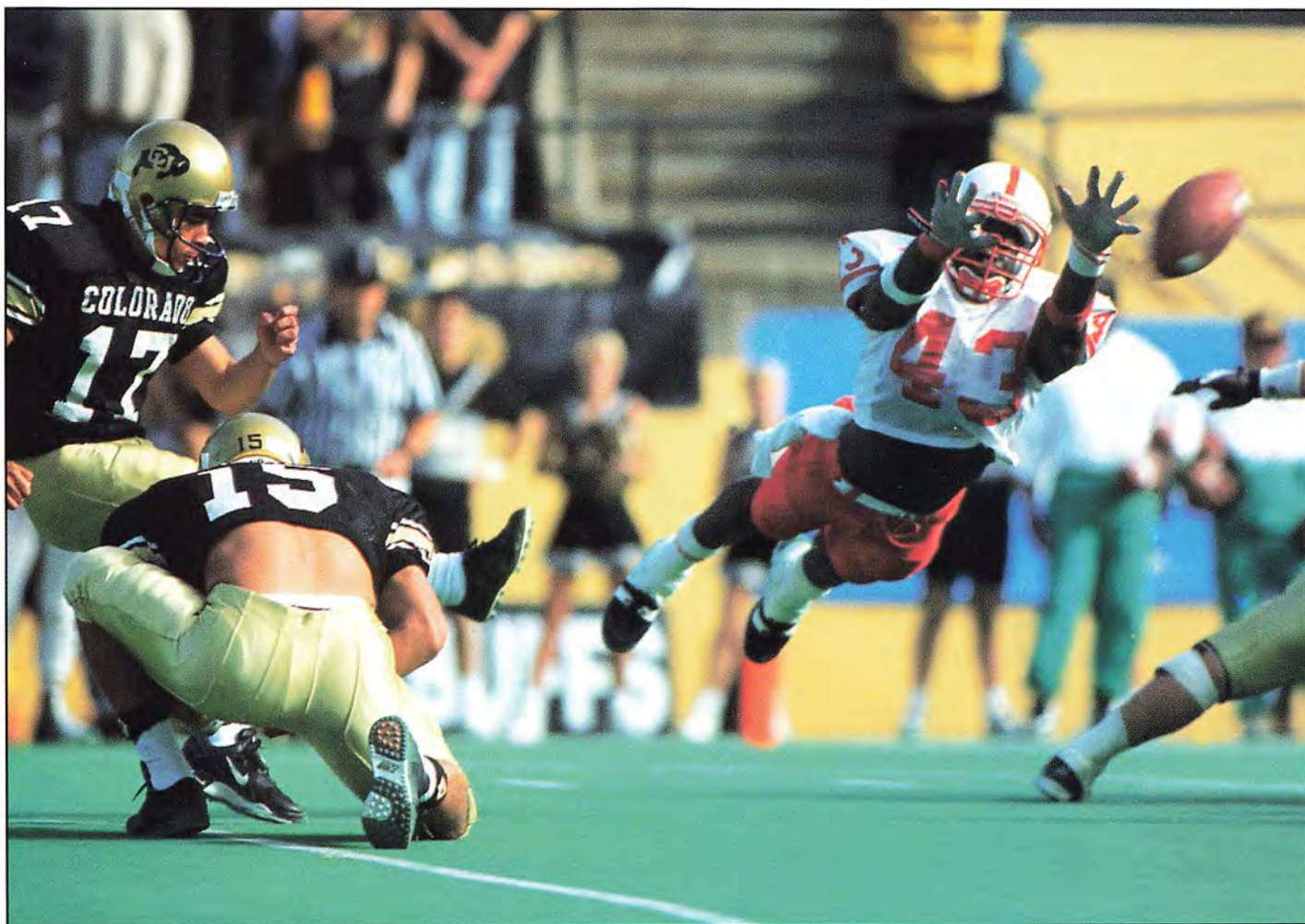
The big play on the drive came when Frazier completed a 35-yard strike to Green as he was being pulled down by CU linebacker Mike Phillips. A third-down pass to Green fell incomplete, bringing Brown in for the field goal. ■

## GAME NOTES

### Unusual Entrance

The Colorado football team's entrance into Folsom Field through the southeast corner of the general admission section was the first time the Buffaloes have used that entrance since the final game of the 1966





season. Normally, the team runs onto the field through an opening on the northeast corner of the stadium.

### **Huskers Acknowledge 'Rivalry'**

Nebraska suited up 79 players for today's game, up from the 66 normally allowed for Big Eight games. That's because Osborne opted to designate Colorado as its "rival" and thus invoke a one-time exception.

The "rivalry rule," which has been utilized by Southwest Conference teams for some time, is expected to apply to teams in the Big 12 next year.

"I can't believe it," Neuheisel said earlier in the week. "He (Osborne) is finally admitting it's a rivalry."

### **TD pass First Against NU Since 1987**

Colorado's first touchdown of the game — an 18-yard pass from John Hessler to wide receiver Phil Savoy — marked the first time since 1987 that the Buffs had scored a touchdown through the air against the Huskers. The last time Colorado had scored a passing touchdown came when CU quarterback Mark Hatcher completed a four-yard scoring pass to fullback George Hemingway in Colorado's 24-7 loss. ■

**Farley didn't get to this extra-point kick by Neil Voskeritchian but he did manage to break up two passes and force one quarterback hurry from his line-backer position.**

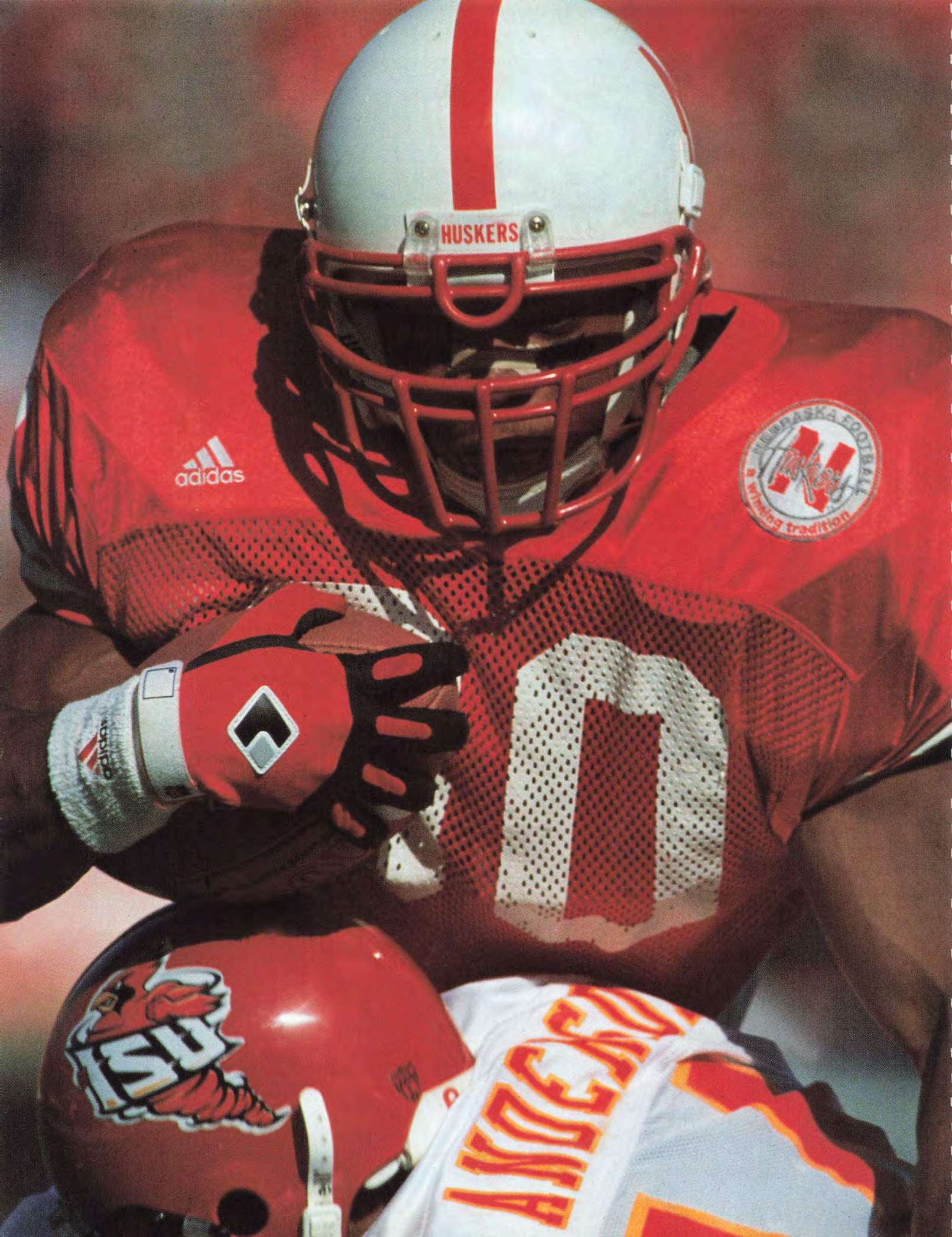
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**"This was the biggest game of the year for us. We had confidence coming in, but this (win) just gave us all the confidence in the world."**

— NU Linebacker Jared Tomich

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IN A BATTLE OF HEISMAN TROPHY CONTENDERS,  
TOMMIE FRAZIER, UNSTOPPABLE RUSHERS  
AND NEBRASKA'S POWERHOUSE BLACKSHIRTS

# BLOW THE CYCLONES AWAY

Before Iowa State could even get its hands on the football Saturday against No. 1-ranked Nebraska, the Cyclones found themselves trailing by two touchdowns.

That was the beginning of what would become a long afternoon for 3-6 Iowa State, which lost 73-14 to the Huskers on the way to chalking up their ninth win of the season and their largest margin of victory. Nebraska scored points on its first 10 possessions, failing only on a fourth-down situation at the Cyclones 15-yard line on Brook Berringer's incomplete pass with 9:21 left in the game.

"I was a little bit apprehensive today," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "When you play K-State and Colorado

back-to-back there's a tendency to have some emotional letdown."

NU quarterback Tommie Frazier posted numbers Saturday that are sure to keep him near the top of the list of Heisman Trophy candidates.

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound senior ran for two touchdowns and threw for two more while playing the entire first half and just two series in the second. He rushed eight times for 62 yards and was 10 of 15



**Ahman Green's 176 yards (opposite page) and Brian Schuster's 55-yard blast (above) helped the Huskers post their second-highest rushing total (635 yards) in school history.**



Nebraska .....20 18 28 7 — 73  
Iowa State .....0 7 0 7 — 14

- NU — Tommie Frazier 4 run (Kris Brown kick)
- NU — Ahman Green 6 pass from Tommie Frazier (Brown kick)
- NU — Green 17 run (kick failed)
- ISU — Ed Williams 17 pass from Todd Bandhauer (Jamie Kohl kick)
- NU — Ahman Green 26 run (Frazier run)
- NU — Reggie Baul 36 pass from Frazier (Brown kick)
- NU — Brown 38 FG
- NU — Frazier 1 run (Brown kick)
- NU — Green 64 run (Brown kick)
- NU — Lawrence Phillips 13 run (Brown kick)
- NU — Clinton Childs 13 run (Ted Retzlaff kick)
- ISU — Graston Norris 6 run (Kohl kick)
- NU — Joel Makovicka 18 run (Retzlaff kick)
- Att. — 75,505

Team Statistics	ISU	NU
First downs.....	15	37
Rushes-Yards.....	32-121	68-624
Passing.....	11-24-2	13-21-0
Passing Yards.....	143	152
Total Yards.....	264	776
Total Plays.....	56	62
Avg. Per Play.....	4.7	8.7
Punts-Avg.....	6-37.5	0-00.0
Punt Returns-yards.....	0-0	2-13
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	9-133	2-49
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	4-36	8-89
Time of Possession.....	24:01	35:59
3rd Down Conversions.....	2-11	4-11
4th Down Conversions.....	1-1	4-5

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Ahman Green 12-176, Clinton Childs 6-70, Lawrence Phillips 12-68, Tommie Frazier 8-62, Brian Schuster 1-55, Jeff Makovicka 2-31, James Sims 5-25, Clester Johnson 1-15, Brook Berringer 3-12, Billy Legate 2-12, Chad Eicher 3-11, Riley Washington 1-9, Josh Cobb 2-6.

**PASSING** — Frazier 10-150 118, Berringer 3-6-0 34.

**RECEIVING** — Reggie Baul 448, Ahman Green 2-22, Jon Vedral 2-35, Damon Benning 1-17, Johnson 1-14, Brendan Holbein 1-9, Lance Brown 1-5, Phillips 1-2.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Mike Minter.....	6	0-0	0-0
Jamel Williams.....	6	1-7	0-0
Terrell Farley.....	5	0-0	0-0
Eric Stokes.....	5	0-0	0-0
Jason Peter.....	4	1-1	0-0



passing for 118 yards.

Frazier, who rose to the top of the Heisman Trophy race with a near-perfect performance against Colorado last week, ran untouched four yards for NU's first score, capping an eight-play drive. In the first half, Frazier ran for a touchdown and threw for two others, helping Nebraska to a 38-7 halftime lead before a Memorial Stadium crowd of 75,505.

The Huskers scored three times in the first 10 minutes of the second half to go ahead 59-7 and rolled up 776 yards of total offense

against a defense ranked 87th in the nation.

"We played without a turnover again today," Osborne said, "which is really kind of exceptional because we got down into our scout team pretty good near the end."

Freshman Ahman Green ran for 176 yards for the second time this season (he also did it against Washington State) and scored three rushing touchdowns. His total Saturday put him three yards shy of the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

Iowa State's Heisman candidate, I-back





Troy Davis, finished with 121 yards on 28 carries. He came into the game averaging a nation-leading 191 yards a game. His longest run of the day was 23 yards.

"Defensively, we bent a little bit a few times but we felt the strongest part of Iowa State was its offense so we're very pleased to hold up as well as we did," Osborne said.

The Huskers blew the game wide open in the third quarter by capitalizing on an Iowa State fumble on the opening kickoff of the second half, recovering the ball at the



The Huskers reached new heights against the Cyclones (left). Their 59-point margin of victory was the largest in the 90-game series between the two schools.

The Huskers slowed, but didn't completely stop Troy Davis (above).

Cyclones' 23. From there, it took the Huskers six plays to score, capped by a Frazier one-yard run.

On Nebraska's next series, Green took a pitch and ran 64 yards for his third rushing touchdown of the game.

A clipping penalty negated a third touchdown less than two minutes later on a punt return by Mike Fullman after the Huskers stopped the Cyclones on their second possession of the second half.

The Huskers rolled up 398 yards of total offense in the first half, including 304 yards rushing. Junior I-back Lawrence Phillips ran for 68 yards on 12 carries and scored on a 13-yard run in the third quarter. ■

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**"If he  
(Tom Osborne)  
thought I was the  
main ingredient  
to winning, he  
would have never  
suspended me.  
He's never been  
a guy that's all  
about winning."**

— Nebraska I-back Lawrence Phillips

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After Mike Fullman's fourth-quarter interception, the Huskers needed just two plays to go 24 yards and score their 10th touchdown of the game.

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**"I've coached against teams that were No. 1 before, but they're a totally dominating football team, outstanding in every way."**

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— Iowa State Coach Dan McCarney

## GAME NOTES

### Phillips' Comeback Draws Applause

Embattled Nebraska I-back Lawrence Phillips made his first appearance in a Husker uniform since the Sept. 9 Michigan State game. He entered the game with 10:02 left in the first quarter.

His first play was a run up the middle on first down at the ISU 25. Following the announcement of his carry, a majority of the crowd of more than 75,000 applauded. Phillips, who gained about 10 pounds

during his six-week suspension, gained two yards on his first carry and finished with 68 for the game.

He scored his first touchdown of the game in the third quarter on a 13-yard run that gave NU a 59-7 lead.

Phillips said he didn't notice the reception he received when he entered the game.

"I was trying to block it out as I went into the game so I didn't notice what happened," Phillips said afterward. "I didn't know what to expect.

"I was pretty happy to be in there."





## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

Just as it did last year, Nebraska's victory over Colorado carried the Huskers into the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press rankings. The rest of the top five: Florida State, Florida, Ohio State, Tennessee.

Quarterback Tommie Frazier was named the Big Eight Conference's offensive player of the week after completing 14 of 23 passes for a career-high 241 yards and two touchdowns in a 44-21 win over Colorado.

Just six practices after his six-week suspension, Lawrence Phillips moved past three players into second on the Nebraska depth chart at running back.

CBS reporter Bernard Goldberg put a quick end to Tom Osborne's weekly press conference when he asked the Nebraska coach if he would allow one of his football players to return to the team even if that player had assaulted a member of Osborne's family.

Florida State, the preseason No. 1 team, saw its hopes of reaching the national championship game disappear in a 33-28 loss to Virginia on ESPN.

The University of Miami admitted for the first time to six violations of NCAA rules, including a cash pool for football players, a failed drug-testing policy and improper employment for football players. The NCAA was expected to announce sanctions against the university in four to six weeks.

Michigan State quarterback Tony Banks passed for a career-high 318 yards to lift the Spartans to a 28-25 upset over No. 7 Michigan at East Lansing, Mich.

**An overweight Lawrence Phillips couldn't shake tacklers as easily as before his six-week layoff. His longest run of the day was a 13-yard touchdown in the third quarter. He finished with 68 yards on 12 carries.**

### Phillips Demonstrators Are No Shows

Representatives of two Lincoln women's groups who earlier this year staged a game-day protest outside Memorial Stadium were not present Saturday.

However, three members of the Lincoln Banquet Street Ministry were on hand outside the stadium to share their "Jesus Saves" message. One person held a sign that read "Jesus Saves You From The Fires of Hell." Another held a 15-foot wooden cross while the third distributed leaflets.

### Green Breaks Freshman Rushing Record

Nebraska I-back Ahman Green estab-

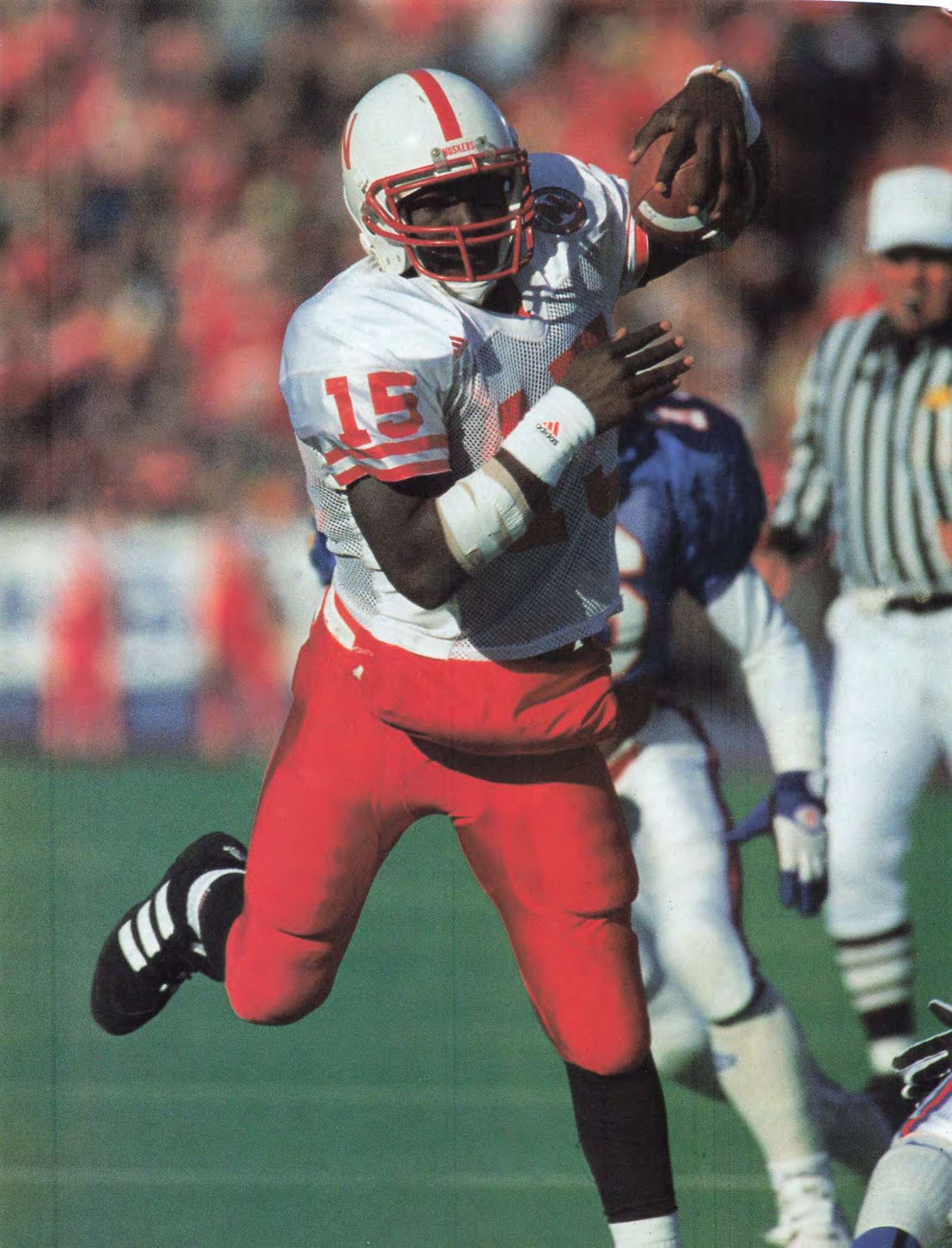
lished a new school rushing record for freshmen Saturday. The former Omaha Central High School standout scored three first-half touchdowns, including a 27-yard scoring run in the second quarter that gave him the yardage needed to surpass the previous mark established by Calvin Jones, now with the Oakland Raiders.

### Notable, Quotable

With 73 points today, Osborne's teams have now scored over 10,000 points, averaging over 30 points a game.

Nebraska did not have to punt Saturday, the first time that has happened since 1991.■







IT WAS A MILESTONE DAY FOR QUARTERBACK  
TOMMIE FRAZIER AS THE HUSKERS' WIN  
OVER THE JAYHAWKS BECOMES



# A RECORD-SETTER

**T**op-ranked Nebraska shook off a rash of turnovers and Kansas' rushing defense to pick up its 10th win of the season and move within one game of completing its third straight undefeated regular season.

Heisman Trophy candidate Tommie Frazier led Nebraska to three second-half touchdowns, running for one and passing for another, in a 41-3 win over the 12th-ranked Jayhawks. The senior from Palmetto, Fla., also became the school's new career total offense leader during the game.

Frazier completed 10 of 15 passes for 86 yards. He also rushed 10 times for 99 yards and two touchdowns to surpass former Nebraska quarterback Jerry Tagge's all-time school total offense record in front of a half-Husker partisan crowd of 50,300 fans at

Memorial Stadium in Lawrence.

Frazier, who had experienced soreness in his calf earlier this week, did not play



again after Nebraska's lead reached 35-3 in the third quarter. He left the game at one point in the first half to get his right leg taped and padded.

**Frazier (opposite page) surpassed Jerry Tagge's all-time school total offense record and broke Dave Humm's career passing touchdowns mark while the Huskers' defense (above) stifled the Jayhawks' running game.**



Nebraska	.....14	0	14	13	—	41
Kansas	.....0	3	0	0	—	3

**NU** — Jon Vedral recovers ball in end zone (Kris Brown kick)  
**NU** — Tommie Frazier 1 run (Brown kick)  
**KU** — Jeff McCord 20 FG  
**NU** — Vershan Jackson 1 pass from Frazier (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Lawrence Phillips 6 run (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Frazier 5 run (Brown kick)  
**NU** — Mike Fullman 86 interception return (run failed)  
**Att.** — 50,280

Team Statistics	NU	KU
First downs.....	20	25
Rushes-Yards.....	51-289	32-72
Passing.....	10-15-1	30-53-3
Passing Yards.....	86	273
Total Yards.....	375	345
Total Plays.....	66	82
Avg. Per Play.....	5.7	4.2
Punts-Avg.....	3-42.0	4-33.0
Punt Returns-yards.....	1-0	1-(-15)
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	2-58	5-102
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	3-2	3-2
Time of Possession.....	28:36	31:24
3rd Down Conversions.....	4-9	8-16
4th Down Conversions.....	0-1	0-2

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Tommie Frazier 10-99, Lawrence Phillips 10-47, Ahman Green 10-45, Clinton Childs 5-28, Jeff Makovicka 5-25, Damon Benning 4-22, Brian Schuster 4-12, Joel Makovicka 1-8, Brook Berringer 2-3.

**PASSING** — Frazier 10-15-1 86.

**RECEIVING** — Clester Johnson 4-50, Sheldon Jackson 2-13, Brendan Holbein 1-14, Jon Vedral 1-6, Phillips 1-2, Vershan Jackson 1-1.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Jamel Williams.....	10	2-8	0-0
Michael Booker.....	9	0-0	0-0
Terrell Farley.....	9	2-5	0-0
Doug Colman.....	7	0-0	0-0
Tyrone Williams.....	6	0-0	0-0
Grant Wistrom.....	6	1-1	0-0
Jason Peter.....	6	0-0	0-0
Mike Minter.....	5	0-0	0-0
Jared Tomich.....	3	1-3	1-3

**“We felt like we were in the toughest dogfight of the year in the first half.”**

— NU Defensive Tackle Christian Peter



Nebraska converted five turnovers by the nation's 12th-ranked team into 28 points to post its 35th consecutive regular season victory and 22nd straight Big Eight conference win. The Jayhawks (8-2) have not beaten Nebraska since 1968.

“The score certainly was not indicative of this game,” Kansas Coach Glen Mason said. “This was not a ho-hummer from start to finish and I’m sure if you ask (Nebraska

Coach) Tom Osborne, he’ll tell you that.”

Osborne said the Jayhawks did as much to hurt themselves as they did to hurt his team. By halftime, Nebraska had already fumbled twice, scored just one offensive touchdown and rushed for only 798 yards and five first downs. The Jayhawks had 185 yards passing, 15 first downs but still trailed 14-3.

“Kansas looked a lot better than the score indicated,” Osborne said. “We were





fortunate to have won. We had some breaks early that really helped us a lot.”

Kansas’ mistakes included turning the ball over on three of their seven first-half possessions and a missed opportunity to attempt a field goal deep in Nebraska territory before the first half expired.

The Huskers broke out of their first-half funk when Damon Benning returned the second-half kickoff 43 yards.

Frazier moved the Huskers down the field with a mix of five running plays and three passes, completing a 15-yard strike to Clester Johnson for a first down at the KU 6. Frazier then scrambled for five yards to the one before lofting a pass to a wide-open Vershan Jackson for the touchdown with 11:57 left in the third quarter.

An interception by linebacker Phil Ellis set up the Huskers’ fourth touchdown of the

**The Jayhawks pressured Frazier (opposite page) into throwing his first interception in 22 quarters.**

**Kansas running back June Henley (above) couldn’t escape the grasp of the Blackshirts’ defensive front. The Jayhawks were limited to 72 yards rushing on 32 carries.**



## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

This week's AP top five: Nebraska, Ohio State, Florida, Tennessee, Northwestern.

The doctor who treated Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier for blood clots last season ruled out any possibility of a recurrence of the problem in Frazier's right leg.

Eddie George furthered his case for the Heisman Trophy with 314 yards rushing in a 41-3 win over Illinois.

Oklahoma State ended a 19-year winless streak against Oklahoma by taking a 12-0 win over the Sooners in Norman.

Northwestern defeated Iowa 31-20 to keep alive its Rose Bowl hopes.

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**Quarterback Mark Williams completed 22 first-half passes but the Jayhawks had just three points to show for it.**



**An estimated 20,000 Nebraska fans (above) were on hand to celebrate the Huskers' win that locked up a share of a fifth consecutive Big Eight title.**

**(Opposite page) Tight end Vershan Jackson (left) and running back Lawrence Phillips both got into the scoring act against the Jayhawks. Jackson caught a one-yard pass from Frazier while Phillips scored on a six-yard run.**

game. Frazier scrambled 19 yards during a seven-play, 60-yard drive that Lawrence Phillips capped with a six-yard scoring run that made it 28-3 with 4:04 left.

The Huskers added one more scoring drive of 60 yards at the start of the fourth quarter to ice the victory. ■

### GAME NOTES

#### Frazier Becomes Total Offense Leader

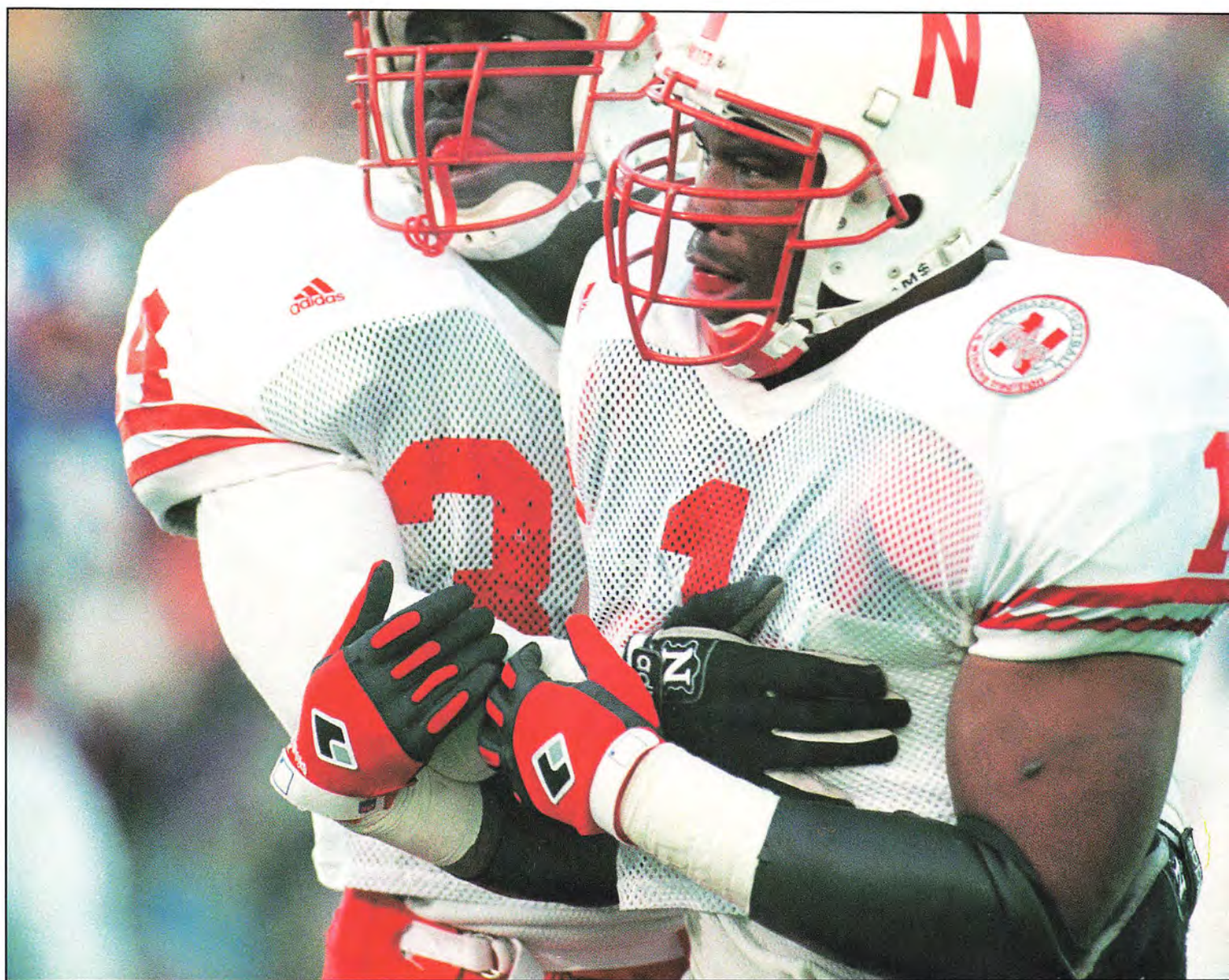
Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier surpassed former Husker signal-caller Jerry

Tagge on the school's career total offense list during the third quarter of Saturday's game. Tagge, who compiled 5,283 yards during his career, led NU to back-to-back national championships in 1970 and 1971.

On the record-setting play, Frazier rolled out to his right and completed an 11-yard pass to Clester Johnson for a first down at the Kansas 49-yard line with 1:48 left in the third quarter. He finished the game with 5,313 career total yards.

Frazier, who was named the





“ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game,” has now won 31 games as a starter for the Huskers during his career.

#### **Notable, Quotable**

Nebraska’s 14-3 lead over the Jayhawks at halftime was its smallest halftime advantage of the season.

The game marked the first time this season that running back Ahman Green did not score a touchdown.

Green rushed for 45 yards, giving him

1,042 on the season. He becomes just the fourth freshman in Big Eight history and the 28th in NCAA history to crack the 1,000-yard barrier.

Kansas is the sixth opponent this season the Huskers’ defense has held to under 100 yards rushing.

Nebraska’s string of 17 quarters without a turnover ended in the second quarter.

The victory was the Huskers’ third over a top-10 opponent in the last four weeks. ■

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**“Without  
the mistakes,  
this one would  
have been  
a lot closer.”**

— Kansas Coach Glen Mason

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OKLAHOMA'S DEFENSE WAS GOOD, BUT THE  
HUSKERS WERE BETTER IN KEEPING THE SOONERS



# OUT OF THE END ZONE



HOping for a good showing in front of a national television audience, top-ranked Nebraska and its Heisman Trophy candidate Tommie Frazier instead struggled to a 37-0 win over unranked Oklahoma in the final Big Eight Conference football game.

In front of a sellout crowd of 75,662 on a rather mild late-November day in Lincoln, the Huskers' top-ranked offense was stymied by the Sooners' defense, which entered the game as the nation's fifth-best, allowing only 290 yards a game.

Nebraska was forced to settle for a field goal on its first and last possessions of the first half and did not score on six offensive possessions in between.

First-year Oklahoma Coach Howard Schnellenberger, whose team finished the season 5-5-1 overall and 2-5-0 in the Big

Eight, said he was pleased with the job his team did stopping the Husker run.

"Our linebackers are about as quick, and react about as well, as any I've ever been around," he said. "I was very proud of our football team today. They had a great effort and laid it on the line on both sides of the ball against a mature and winning football team."



**First-year linebackers Coach Craig Bohl (above) culled a superior effort from his players as Nebraska posted a shutout in the final Big Eight Conference football game. Even the goalposts came up with a strong defensive effort (opposite page) as they refused to buckle.**



Nebraska .....10 3 7 14 — 37  
Oklahoma .....0 0 0 0 — 00

NU — Kris Brown 31 FG  
NU — Jamel Williams 36 interception return  
(Brown kick)  
NU — Brown 27 FG  
NU — Tony Veland 57 fumble return  
(Brown kick)  
NU — Jon Vedral 38 pass from Tommie  
Frazier (Brown kick)  
NU — Joel Makovicka 17 run (Brown kick)  
Att. — 75,662

Team Statistics	OU	NU
First downs.....	12	26
Rushes-Yards.....	30-51	56-271
Passing.....	16-34-2	13-27-1
Passing Yards.....	190	136
Total Yards.....	241	407
Total Plays.....	64	83
Avg. Per Play.....	3.8	4.9
Punts-Avg.....	10-41.7	4-43.0
Punt Returns-yards.....	0-0	7-110
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	3-37	0-00
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards.....	9-97	3-24
Time of Possession.....	27:14	32:46
3rd Down Conversions.....	3-15	3-14
4th Down Conversions.....	0-1	2-3

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Lawrence Phillips 15-73, Joel Makovicka 4-45, Ahman Green 13-44, Tommie Frazier 10-35, Clinton Childs 4-32, Jeff Makovicka 4-15, Brian Schuster 3-14, Brook Berringer 3-13.

**PASSING** — Frazier 12-25-1 128, Berringer 1-2-0 8.

**RECEIVING** — Jon Vedral 1-38, Mark Gilman 1-17, Reggie Baul 4-38, Clester Johnson 2-19, Brendan Holbein 2-20, Phillips 1-3, Green 2-1.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Tony Veland.....	7	1-1	0-0
Grant Wistrom.....	6	2-13	0-0
Terrell Farley.....	6	0-0	0-0
Jared Tomich.....	5	2-15	2-15
Jay Foreman.....	5	0-0	0-0
Mike Minter.....	5	2-12	0-0
Christian Peter.....	5	0-0	0-0
Jason Peter.....	4	0-0	0-0
Jamel Williams.....	4	1-1	0-0

**"I will tell you this—  
if you look at the four  
years of productivity  
and results, the  
guy has produced.  
He's a great player."**

— Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne  
on Tommie Frazier



**Phillips (above) ripped off Nebraska's longest run of the day while Mark Gilman's only catch of the day (opposite page) set up a Kris Brown field goal.**

**The Blackshirts converted an interception by Jamel Williams and a fumble return by Tony Veland (opposite page, lower section) into touchdowns.**

The Huskers' offense did not score a touchdown until Frazier completed a pass to

Jon Vedral over the middle for 38 yards with 14:12 remaining in the game. Back-up fullback Joel Makovicka scored the only other offensive touchdown on a 17-yard run with less than a minute left.

Nebraska, 11-0 and 7-0 in the Big Eight, was successful on only three of its 14 third-down conversions. The Huskers are headed to the Fiesta Bowl to play for a second straight national championship on Jan. 2.

"The real measure and focus now is the whole ball of wax," Nebraska Coach Tom

Osborne said. "I think we'll work hard and prepare well."

Frazier did little against the Sooners to enhance his chances of becoming Nebraska's third Heisman Trophy winner. The senior was 12 of 25 passing for 128 yards with one interception and rushed for 35 yards on 10 carries. The Huskers' offense, averaging a nation-leading 571 yards per game, tallied 211 of its 407 yards in the first half.

"Offensively, we struggled at times, but when we hit the Fiesta Bowl this will really help us and not hurt us," Frazier said.



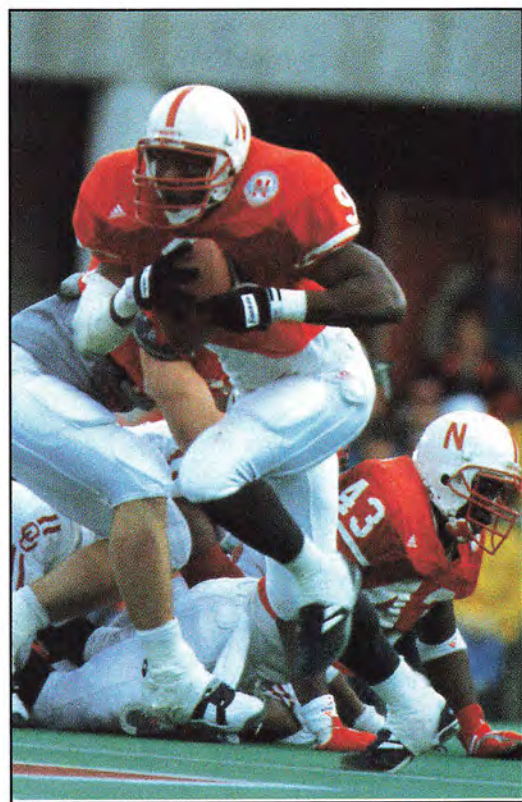


Nebraska's defense registered its second shutout of the season, limiting the Sooners to 241 total yards while extending the Huskers' win streak to a nation-leading 25 straight games.

The Huskers did not begin an offensive possession in Oklahoma territory until their first drive of the second half. Beginning on the Sooners' 49, Nebraska used a five-yard run by I-back Ahman Green to convert on third and two at the 42 and a one-yard sneak by Frazier to pick up a first down on fourth and one at the 28.

But on the next play, Frazier threw only his fourth interception of the season and cornerback Larry Bush returned it 16 yards to the Sooners' 27.

Oklahoma drove into Nebraska territory on its opening possession of the second half. But tailback James Allen fumbled on the next play after a two-yard gain and Nebraska free safety Tony Veland scooped the ball up and







**With a dominating effort on the ground (top) and against the Sooners' passing game (opposite page), the Huskers shut out Oklahoma for the first time since 1942.**

**ABC commentator Brent Musburger noted Howard Schnellenberger's striking resemblance to children's TV show host Captain Kangaroo.**

dashed 57 yards for a touchdown. Nebraska led 20-0 with 7:41 left in the third quarter.

Sooner quarterback Garrick McGee, who completed 6 of 13 passes in the first half, tossed a 30-yard spiral to tight end Stephen Anderson on third and 29 from the Sooners' 16 to keep the Sooners' next drive alive. But the Husker defense stiffened, forcing Oklahoma into a fourth and 28 situation. Nebraska punt returner Mike

Fullman nearly broke loose on the return, going 48 yards before being dragged down from behind at the Oklahoma 32.

That gave the Huskers their best field position of the half.

But on third and 10 from the Sooners'

18, Frazier's pass fell incomplete and Kris Brown came on to kick his third field goal of the game, a 35-yarder, with 28 seconds left in the third quarter.

Oklahoma began only one of its 15 possessions of the game in Nebraska territory. Starting at the Huskers' 40 with 8:29 left in the game, the Sooners' drove to the NU 20, but were held to no gain on fourth-and-one.

Despite being a 33-point favorite over the unranked Sooners, Nebraska only led Oklahoma 13-0 at the half.

"The point spread didn't make sense to me," Osborne said at his post-game press conference. "I didn't think we could score 34 points on them or whatever it was.

"The strongest part of their football team was their defense. We felt their front seven was the best we've played this year."

Ranked fifth in the Big 8 in total offense, Oklahoma gained just seven yards on 10 plays in the first quarter and an interception on its opening drive resulted in Nebraska's first touchdown of the game. The Blackshirts held Oklahoma to minus seven yards rushing and 118 yards of total offense in the first half.

Quarterback Eric Moore, who was 1-for-4 passing, was picked off by linebacker Jamel Williams, who returned the ball 36 yards for Nebraska's first touchdown of the





## This **WEEK** in **COLLEGE** Football

This week's AP top five: Nebraska, Ohio State, Florida, Northwestern, Tennessee.

Alabama Coach Gene Stallings and UCLA's Terry Donahue said they aren't sure they'll return to their football programs next season.

Quarterback Tommie Frazier led Nebraska's seven first-team selections on The Associated Press' final All-Big Eight Conference football team.

Michigan State tailback Tshimanga Biakabutka galloped for 313 yards to ruin Ohio State's perfect season, 31-23, and send Northwestern to the Rose Bowl.

Florida handed Florida State a 35-24 loss in the battle of intrastate rivals in Gainesville, Fla.

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**"You can't put  
the ball in the  
end zone unless  
you're a great  
football team  
with the number  
of penalties we  
had and obvi-  
ously the two  
interceptions."**

— Oklahoma coach Howard Schnellenberger

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game at the 8:36 mark of the first quarter.

Oklahoma, which was shutout by Oklahoma State last week, did not score in its final nine quarters of the season.

"That's the reason why the offense hasn't scored the last two weeks," Schnellenberger said. "That's the reason why it hasn't done much the last five games. We are our own worst enemy. If it isn't throwing interceptions or fumbling the ball, it's getting holding penalties and blocks in the back." ■

### GAME NOTES

#### Goalpost Makes Last Stand

Despite a valient effort by Husker fans after Friday's 37-0 win over Oklahoma, the goal post in the south end zone survived a 20-minute post-game assault. Nearly 50 fans crowded around the base of the post and another dozen or so climbed atop the crossbar and posts. The posts, guaranteed by the manufacturer not to break, swayed slightly but did not buckle. ■





The Huskers' defense had Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel and Nebraska's second national championship wrapped up before halftime. Photo by Bob Berry





PUTTING ALL DISTRACTIONS BEHIND AND PROVING  
ALL DETRACTORS WRONG, NEBRASKA MADE  
FLORIDA ITS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTIM IN A

# GAME TO REMEMBER

A wild celebration broke out in the Arizona desert as the Nebraska football team won its second consecutive national championship.

The Huskers' 62-24 win over previously undefeated Florida played out before a Sun Devil Stadium record crowd of 79,864 — the majority of them Nebraska fans. Nebraska became the first team since Alabama in 1979 to repeat as national champions.

Quarterback Tommie Frazier was named the game's Most Valuable Player in his final game as a Husker. He led Nebraska to 25 consecutive wins to finish his career and was 33-3 as a starter.

Nebraska scored 29 second-quarter points to take a comfortable 35-10 at halftime. The Huskers erased a 3-0 deficit and capitalized on several Florida penalties

while building their lead. They also sacked Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel seven times, including once for a safety.

A dejected Wuerffel trudged down a concrete ramp to the Florida locker room after the game and searched for the words to describe the Gators' struggle to contain the Huskers' defensive front.

"There were a couple times when we didn't have enough blockers, that's happened before. There were other times when there were mistakes in schemes," he said. "Definitely they were coming at the right times and right places, and you have to give them credit."

In what would become a sign of things to come, the Huskers needed just six plays and less than three minutes to score their first touchdown.



**Ticket scalpers could be seen on nearly every street corner near Sun Devil Stadium in the days leading up to the game. Some were asking over \$800 for tickets with face values between \$65 and \$85.**

**FIESTA**  
**BOWL**  
NEBRASKA 62  
FLORIDA 24



**Instead of Nebraska's defensive backs being under pressure, it was the Gators' secondary that had trouble matching up with Husker receivers.**

Nebraska .....6 29 14 14 — 62  
Florida .....10 0 8 6 — 24

FU — Bart Edmiston 23 FG  
NU — Lawrence Phillips 16 pass from Tommie Frazier (kick failed)  
FU — Danny Wuerffel 1 run (Edmiston kick)  
NU — Phillips 42 run (Kris Brown kick)  
NU — Safety (Wuerffel sacked by Jamel Williams)  
NU — Ahman Green 1 run (Brown kick)  
NU — Brown 26 FG  
NU — Michael Booker 42 interception return  
NU — Brown 24 FG  
NU — Frazier 35 run (Brown kick)  
FU — Ike Hilliard 35 pass from Wuerffel (Wuerffel pass to Reidel Anthony)  
NU — Frazier 75 run (Brown kick)  
NU — Phillips 15 run (kick failed)  
NU — Brook Berringer 1 run (Ted Retzlaff kick)  
FU — Anthony 93 kickoff return (pass failed)  
Att. — 79,864

Team Statistics	NU	FU
First downs.....	27	15
Rushes-Yards.....	68-524	12-(-28)
Passing.....	6-15-2	20-38-3
Passing Yards.....	105	297
Total Yards.....	629	269
Total Plays.....	83	59
Avg. Per Play.....	7.6	4.6
Punts-Avg.....	1-36.0	4-41.3
Punt Returns-yards.....	4-14	1-(-8)
Kickoff Returns-yards.....	5-88	10-268
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	4-30	9-78
Time of Possession.....	35:17	24:43
3rd Down Conversions.....	8-17	4-12
4th Down Conversions.....	2-3	1-2

#### Nebraska Offensive Statistics

**RUSHING** — Lawrence Phillips 25-165, Ahman Green 9-68, Tommie Frazier 16-199, Clinton Childs 3-14, Jeff Makovicka 6-32, Joel Makovicka 2-4, Brian Schuster 1-4, Brook Berringer 1-1, Damon Benning 1-3, Billy Legate 1-1, James Sims 1-32, Matt Turman 1-(-2).

**PASSING** — Frazier 6-14-2 105, Phillips 0-1-0.

**RECEIVING** — Jon Vedral 1-5, Clester Johnson 2-43, Brendan Holbein 1-33, Phillips 1-16, Jeff Makovicka 1-3.

#### Nebraska Defensive Leaders

Player	Tackles	Sacks-Yds	For Loss-Yds
Michael Booker.....	4	0-0	0-0
Phil Ellis.....	3	0-0	0-0
Terrell Farley.....	8	2-9	2-9
Jay Foreman.....	3	0-0	0-0
Mike Minter.....	5	0-0	0-0
M. Rucker.....	1	1-7	1-7
Jared Tomich.....	3	1-4	1-4
Eric Warfield.....	1	1-10	1-10
Jamel Williams.....	3	1-1	1-1
Grant Wistrom.....	5	1-9	1-9



A personal foul penalty on the Gators who followed two blockers into the end zone. Kris Brown's extra-point kick was blocked and the Huskers led 6-3 with 8:10 left in the first quarter.

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**The pre-game tailgate party outside Sun Devil Stadium resembled downtown Lincoln on a Husker game day.**

left in the second quarter.

The early success that Florida's passing game had during its first drive of the game disappeared as Nebraska's defense concentrated its efforts on getting to Wuerffel.

Florida began its first drive of the second quarter at its own 4. Under a furious pass rush, Wuerffel barely escaped a safety when linebacker Terrell Farley nearly caught him from behind. The next play, Jamel Williams came from blindsided Wuerffel for a safety eight yards deep in the north end zone to increase the Huskers' lead to 15-10.

The pressure on Wuerffel was so intense that the Gators' star wide receiver, Chris Doering, who caught all six of his first-half

passes in the first quarter, didn't catch another ball until late in the third.

"For the most part, it wouldn't have been for our blitzes and catching them off guard, it would have been a different story," Huskers linebacker Jared Tomich said.

Following the safety, Clinton Childs returned the free kick 34 yards to the Nebraska 49 to start another scoring march. This time it was Frazier who sparkled on a long run — scrambling for a season-long 32-yard gain on third and 7 — to put the Huskers at the Gators' 16.

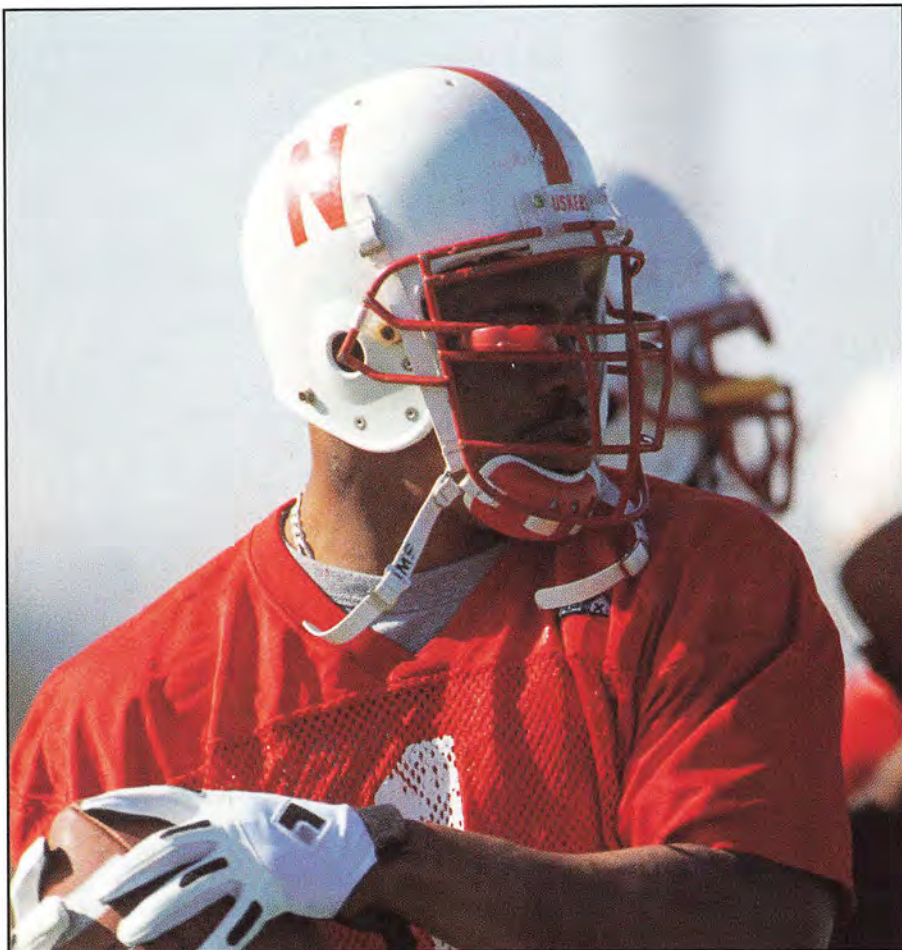
Ahman Green carried to the Gators' 5 before fullback Brian Schuster hurdled his way close to the goal line, falling just short.

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**Lawrence Phillips (above) apparently didn't work on his passing enough in pre-game workouts. His third-quarter halfback pass to a wide-open Reggie Baul in the end zone was wide and low.**

**Frazier's ability to scramble (right) and Florida's inability to tackle added up to a career-high 199 yards rushing.**




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**“Give them credit, I guess they wanted it more than we did. They kept driving when we thought we had them down.”**

— Florida Linebacker James Bates

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On the next play, Green swept to the right and went in to cap a 7-play, 51-yard drive that took 3:29 off the clock and put Nebraska ahead by 12, 22-10.

Florida was stopped on third and short and a delay of game further backed the Gators up, forcing a punt that Nebraska returned to Florida's 40. That allowed the Huskers to begin a drive in Gator territory for the first time on the night.

Frazier completed a strike to Clester Johnson on third and nine that came up a

yard short at the Florida 32. On fourth down, Frazier scrambled to his right to gain a first down by a matter of inches. On the next play, Frazier threw an incomplection, but a holding penalty on Florida gave the Huskers a first down inside the 20.

Jeff Makovicka rumbled to the Gators' 7 but Phillips was stopped for a loss on the next play. On third and goal, Frazier couldn't find anyone open and Brown came on to kick a 26-yard field goal to increase the





## This WEEK in COLLEGE Football

The final AP poll of the season looked like this:

Nebraska, Florida, Tennessee, Florida State, Colorado, Ohio State, Kansas State, Northwestern, Kansas and Virginia Tech.

Florida State rallied past eighth-ranked Notre Dame, 31-26, in the 62nd Orange Bowl. Seminole quarterback Danny Kannell threw for 290 yards and an Orange Bowl record four touchdowns.

Virginia Tech used two long touchdowns by Bryan Still to run to a 28-10 victory over Texas in the Sugar Bowl.

Colorado freshman Marcus Washington returned a second quarter interception 95 yards to help Colorado roll to a 38-6 win over Oregon in the Cotton Bowl.

Northwestern's dream season ended when USC held on for a 41-32 win in the Rose Bowl. The Wildcats rallied from deficits of 24-7 and 31-19 before USC drove for the touchdown that clinched the win.

Donovan McNabb threw a school-record three touchdowns in Syracuse's 41-0 victory over Clemson in the Gator Bowl.

University of Texas officials say they may sue to recover a \$4,000 football scholarship awarded to a 30-year-old Ron Weaver, who pretended to be 23 and played at cornerback for the Longhorns under an assumed name.

Kansas routed UCLA 51-30 in the Aloha Bowl and Jayhawk Coach Glen Mason announced he would stay at the school after previously announcing he would accept the head coaching position at Georgia.

Kansas State beat Colorado State, 52-21, in the Holiday Bowl. The Big Eight became the first conference in history to have four teams finish the season with 10 or more wins.

Huskers' lead to 15, 25-10.

Seconds later, Wuerffel was picked off by Michael Booker at the 42 and the junior returned it for a touchdown that increased the lead to 32-10. On Florida's next series, Wuerffel was sacked twice, forcing the Gators to again punt.

The Huskers took advantage of the 1:18 remaining in the half as Frazier completed a 32-yard pass to Brendan Holbein to move the Huskers down to the Gators' 15. Phillips

then ran to the 5 and the Huskers called their final timeout with 17 seconds left. Following an incompletion, Brown converted a 24-yard field goal to make it 35-10 at the half.

The Gators hurt themselves with penalties. Playing in their first national championship game, they were penalized seven times in the first half for 63 yards and nine times for 78 yards for the game.

On the opening drive of the second half, it looked like Nebraska would increase its





Photo by Ed Carlson

Following the Huskers' win, hundreds of fans brought traffic to a standstill at Omaha's busiest intersection.

## Dodge Street Disappears Under Sea Of Red

In the early morning hours of Jan. 3, 1996, 72nd and Dodge Streets became "Celebration Central" as Cornhusker fans in Omaha gathered to celebrate a second national championship.

After the 1994 championship game, unsure of where or how to celebrate, Nebraska fans gathered at this intersection to share their joy. This year, they returned, ready to celebrate again.

Minutes after the game ended, fans began gathering by the hundreds in the parking lot at Crossroads Mall and in the middle of the Dodge Street intersection. Police cruisers, their lights flashing, joined officers on horseback as the crowds swelled. By 11:30 p.m., the intersection was completely closed to cars, and the crowds packed a two-block area.

Carloads of fans, screaming "Number One, Baby" and "Go Big Red!" sped down 72nd Street. Occupants shouted, screamed, honked and set off airhorns as they rushed to join the crowd. They parked where they could, along snow-packed side streets and in the parking lots of nearby businesses.

Television news vans blocked parking lot entrances and throngs of people clad in last year's championship sweat-

shirts vied for attention on local post-game broadcasts. Children, bundled up and accompanied by excited parents, waved flags and cheered.

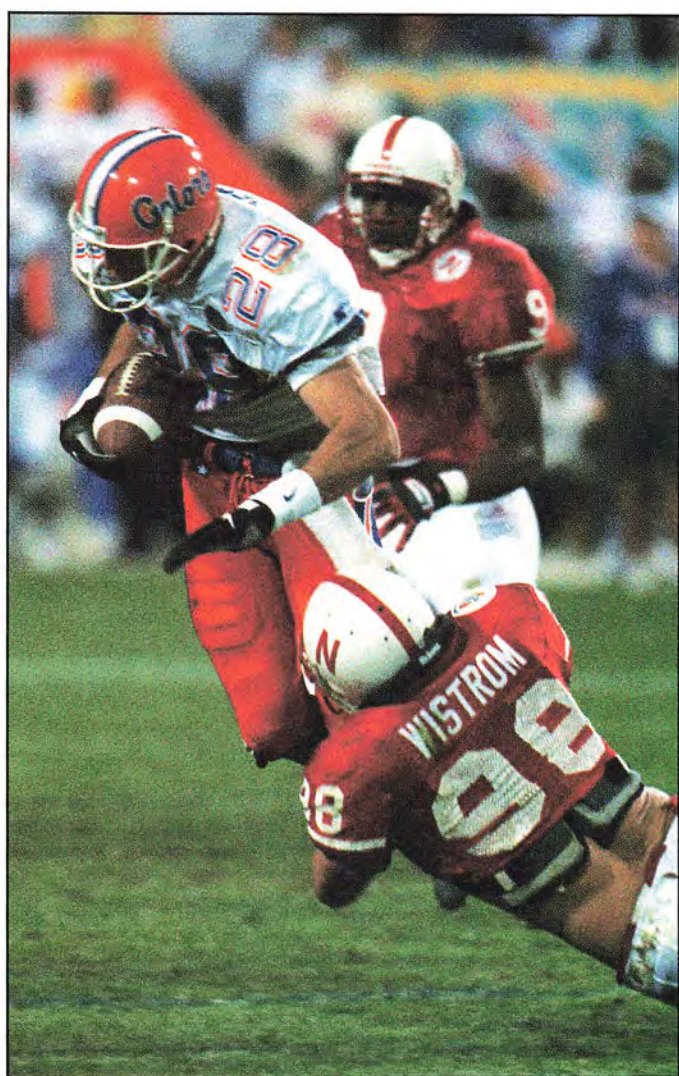
Several revelers climbed stoplight poles and began rocking them. One light succumbed, and was pulled to the ground. Others began rocking the cars that had been stranded in the river of celebrating fans. Three cars were severely damaged, and several others suffered minor roof damage and dented hoods.

While fans broke into Memorial Stadium in Lincoln looking to tear down goal posts that had already been packed away for the winter, the uprights at the University of Nebraska at Omaha were untouched, even though the stadium is less than one mile from the Dodge Street intersection.

Goal posts at the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Foster Field and at Chadron State College's football stadium were damaged, however.

When the crowd finally began to disperse around 1:30 a.m., left behind in the intersection were empty cans, broken glass and the shells of fireworks – all the remains of the twice-in-a-lifetime celebration. ■ by Bridget Weide





35-10 halftime lead as Frazier hit Clester Johnson on a third-and-long play for a gain of 36 yards to move the Huskers to the Gators' 17. But the Heisman Trophy runner-up was picked off for the second time on the night by Anthone Lott in the end zone to stop the scoring threat.

For the game, Frazier was 6-for-14 passing for 105 yards with one touchdown.

Nebraska turned exclusively to its running game in the second half, using Phillips to grind out the clock while moving down the field. Frazier scored untouched on

a quarterback draw — high-stepping the last five yards — to make it 42-10 with 2:21 left in the third quarter.

About two minutes later, Frazier cut loose again for perhaps the most exciting touchdown run in Husker history.

On the longest run of his career, Frazier shook through eight Florida tacklers while dashing 75 yards for a touchdown that put an exclamation point on the Huskers' second national championship.

The replay of Frazier's run — shown on the large Omega television board in the

**Linebacker Grant Wistrom had one of his biggest games of the season, sacking Wuerffel in the backfield (left) and later dragging down wide receiver Chris Doering (right) in the open field.**

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**“We all know offense gets us to the championship; defense wins championships.”**

— Nebraska Defensive Tackle Christian Peter

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**Much like Cory Schlesinger in the 1995 Orange Bowl, fullback Jeff Makovicka enjoyed ample running room, rushing for 32 yards on six carries.**

## THE WINNING CONTINUES

Nebraska's current 25-game win streak is the second-longest in school history behind the 34 consecutive games won by Husker teams between the 1912 and 1916 seasons. Here are the longest winning streaks (including bowl games) in the history of NCAA Division I-A football:

No.	Team .....	Seasons	Spoiler	Score
47	Oklahoma .....	1953-57	Notre Dame	7-0
39	Washington .....	1908-14	Oregon State	0-0
37	Yale .....	1890-93	Princeton	6-0
37	Yale .....	1887-89	Princeton	10-0
37	Toledo.....	1969-71	Tampa	21-0

stadium — drew an even louder burst of applause than the original play.

"I don't know how many guys tried to tackle me or whether they were trying to take the ball," Frazier said. "They just kept contacting me, but I kept my legs going. I felt them trying to take the ball. I just came out the other end."

Frazier, Nebraska's all-time career total offense leader, finished with a career-high 199 yards rushing on 16 carries for a whopping 12.4 yards-per-carry average.

Things continued to go the Huskers way after that, too. A Nebraska fumble recovery on the Gators' 22 led to another Phillips touchdown and after Florida had a drive end on downs behind backup quarterback Eric Kresser, Ahman Green ran for 42 yards to set up the Huskers' second touchdown of the fourth quarter. Brook Berringer carried in from three yards out to make it 62-18 with 4:44 left.

Florida scored its final points of the night on Reidal Anthony's Fiesta Bowl-record 92-yard kickoff return late in the fourth quarter.



# A Fitting Finale: Once believed to be down and out, Lawrence Phillips has the last word.

**L**awrence Phillips' season on the run ended with a stroll through Florida's defense. Phillips dazzled the record crowd in Sun Devil Stadium with his fancy footwork against the Gators. The junior from West Covina, Calif., ran for 165 yards and scored three touchdowns in the Huskers' win over Florida in the Fiesta Bowl.

He then slipped away into the chilly darkness of the Arizona night saying, "I'm through with interviews."

It was a curt reply from the man who was cut up by the press for his off-the-field problems prior to and during the 1995 season.

Phillips' troubles began last summer when he was involved in an NCAA investigation concerning a complimentary lunch paid for by a close associate of a sports agent. Shortly after that matter was resolved, the NCAA looked into Phillips' lease of a 1995 Mustang convertible paid for by the California group home where Phillips grew up.

Until the Fiesta Bowl, the 6-foot-2, 220-pounder had not started a game since Sept. 9 at Michigan State, when he ran for 206 yards and four touchdowns. The morning after the Michigan State game, he climbed into a Lincoln apartment and assaulted his former girlfriend Kate McEwen, a 20-year-old Nebraska basketball player.

That incident ended any hopes he had of winning the Heisman Trophy.

Phillips initially was dismissed by Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, who later changed the penalty to a six-game suspension. For the Huskers' final three games, Phillips was listed as the No. 2 I-back behind true freshman Ahman Green. He was the

team's leading rusher in the regular season finale against Oklahoma with 73 yards.

Phillips finished the season with 712 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns on 96 carries, an average of 7.4 yards per attempt. He scored three times in the Fiesta Bowl, including the first touchdown catch of his Husker career on a 16-yard swing pass from Tommie Frazier.

One week later, Phillips confirmed speculation that his junior season would be his last at Nebraska by announcing he was declaring himself eligible for the 1996 NFL Draft.

In a prepared statement released by Impact Sports & Entertainment Management Company of Boca Raton, Fla., Phillips said:

"I am very happy I was able to contribute and be part of Nebraska's second consecutive national title. This is a great program and I know they will have many more great years to come. I wish them all the luck in the world." ■



**Phillips soared in his first start in more than three months. He needed just 11 carries in the first half to rack up 105 yards and become the first Nebraska player in 11 years to rush for more than 100 yards in a bowl game.**

Photo by Eric Francis





## ESPN Location Popular For Husker Fans

Long after the game had ended and the Sun Devil Stadium parking lots had cleared out, Nebraska fans were still lining up in front of ESPN's "Game Day" booth to give college football commentators Lee Corso and Craig James their parting shots.

Both Corso and James had predicted a Florida win over the Huskers.

"Hey, Corso," yelled one fan. "You were right. The grass was a factor," alluding to the fact that Corso had earlier said that Florida would have a distinct advantage playing on natural grass.

## Husker Defender Eyes Career Change

Now that his college football career at Nebraska is finished, what's next for Christian Peter? A career in modeling just might do, said the 300-pound, honorable mention All-American defensive tackle.

"I don't have anything more to do with the NCAA, so give me a call. I'll come model for you," Peter told reporters in the post-game press conference.

## McBride's Game Plan Proves To Be A Winner

Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride told a crowd of reporters in the



**Tostitos spent over half a million dollars to dress up Sun Devil Stadium (above) in its corporate colors and distributed 100,000 bags of chips at the Fiesta Bowl parade.**

**Despite some previous run-ins with the national press (left), Florida Coach Steve Spurrier appeared to enjoy his time in front of the cameras during pre-bowl press conferences.**

On the subsequent two-point conversion attempt, it appeared Christian Peter had returned a fumble over 90 yards for a touchdown but the play was ruled an incomplete pass.

"For crying out loud, I go 90 yards and they call it back," Peter said. "I about had a heart attack on the 10. I turned around and they called it back. I was so upset." ■

**"First of all, let me apologize that we couldn't make a game of it. I'm really embarrassed that we couldn't match up with Nebraska. They're too good for us. That's all you can say."**

— Florida Coach Steve Spurrier





**Tony Veland's fourth-quarter interception was Wuerffel's final throw of the night and the only Florida turnover Nebraska couldn't convert into a touchdown.**

post-game interview tent that getting pressure on Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel was essential to the Blackshirts' game plan.

"If we don't put pressure on him we're dead," McBride said. "We threw a lot at him and it worked to our advantage."

### **Sega Wrong This Time**

Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel threw a fourth-quarter touchdown pass to Ike Hilliard, then scrambled for a two-point

conversion to lead the Gators to a come-from-behind victory over Nebraska in the national championship game.

At least that's what Sega Sports, makers of computer video games, said happened when they simulated the Fiesta Bowl on their college football game.

This was believed to be the first incorrect prediction by Sega, which also correctly simulated Nebraska's national title last year.

### **GOING FOR THREE**

Since 1936, no college football team has been able to win three consecutive national championships. Here are the eight two-time titlists who couldn't repeat their success a third time.

Minnesota	.....1940, 1941
Army	.....1944, 1945
Notre Dame	.....1946, 1947
Oklahoma	.....1955, 1956
Alabama	.....1964, 1965
Nebraska	.....1970, 1971
Oklahoma	.....1974, 1975
Alabama	.....1978, 1979

*Source:  
Information Please Sports Almanac*



TOMMIE FRAZIER SECURES HIS PLACE  
AMONG HUSKER QUARTERBACK GREATS.

# THE LOOK OF A WINNER

**T**ommie Frazier's success at Nebraska surprised no one. He was the quarterback everyone expected him to be. The publicity surrounding his recruitment four years ago was justified. In his case, it was much ado about something.

Frazier's announcement that he would become a Husker was among the few bright spots in the early months of 1992. Nebraska had just lost to Miami 22-0 in the Orange

Colorado had also been high on Frazier's list. He was among three quarterbacks the Buffaloes tried to recruit. The others were Chad Davis from California and Koy Detmer from Texas.

As often is the case, the recruiting analysts were wrong. Frazier cast his lot with the Huskers, in a recruiting class that included another quarterback — Ben Rutz, from Oklahoma City. Davis went to Oklahoma then transferred to Washington State. Detmer picked Colorado.

Bowl. Sophomore tight end Johnny Mitchell had declared himself eligible for the National Football League draft. And Osborne had to deal with events

Frazier and Rutz joined five other quarterbacks at Nebraska: Mike Grant, Tony Veland and Brook Berringer, as well as walk-ons Joel Cornwell and Jon McMillen. The Huskers' pre-fall depth chart showed Grant and Veland sharing No. 1, followed by Cornwell. Grant and Cornwell were seniors. Veland was a red-shirt freshman, as was Berringer.

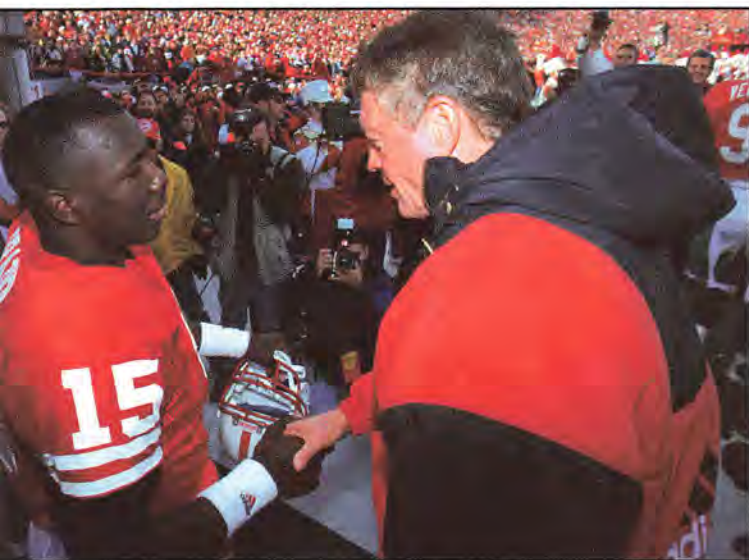
surrounding running back Scott Baldwin.

Recruiting analysts were predicting that Frazier would pick Clemson or Notre Dame.

Grant had the starting job to himself after Veland broke his collarbone during a scrim-

By Mike Babcock

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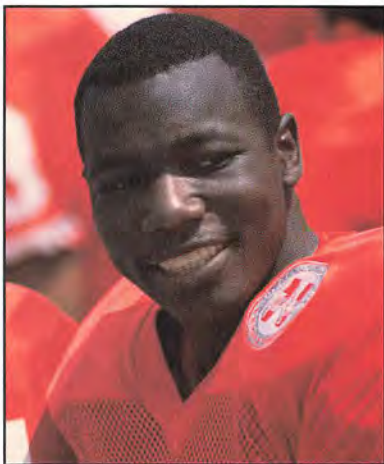


**Tom Osborne has coached hundreds of talented athletes in his 23 years at Nebraska but none with a more driven focus to win than Tommie Frazier.**









**Frazier (above) was all smiles at the Media Day in August. His 6.2 yards per carry average in 1995 (right) was better than all but one of the nation's top 20 rushers.**

## THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY

With Tommie Frazier as its starting quarterback, Nebraska compiled a 33-3 record from 1992-95. Here's a glance back at the three games the Huskers didn't win with Frazier at the helm.

### 1992

#### **Iowa State 19, Nebraska 10**

In his only regular season loss as a starter, Frazier played with a sprained ankle but still managed to rush for a season-high 92 yards and was 3-for-12 passing for 54 yards. His only TD pass of the day — a 15-yarder to Lance Lewis — earned recognition as CNN's "Play of the Day."

### 1993 Orange Bowl

#### **Florida State 27, Nebraska 14**

The Seminoles scored 20 unanswered points before Frazier threw a 41-yard TD pass to Corey Dixon with 1:31 left in the first half. The Huskers turned the ball over three times after leading the nation in turnover margin during the regular season. Frazier completed 10 of 21 passes for 146 yards and two touchdowns but was intercepted twice.

### 1994 Orange Bowl

#### **Florida State 18, Nebraska 16**

Frazier matched Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward yard-for-yard in total offense but the game came down to Byron Bennett's 45-yard field goal attempt that sailed wide left as time expired. Nebraska totaled 183 yards rushing to Florida State's 47, outyarded the Seminoles 389-333 and held the nation's No. 1 offense to just one successful third-down conversion on 12 attempts.



image less than two weeks before the season-opener against Utah at Memorial Stadium. Grant, Frazier, Cornwell and Berringer all played in the 49-22 victory. Frazier gained 14 yards on two carries and threw his first pass as a Husker. It fell incomplete.

Frazier scored his first touchdown on a 3-yard run early in the fourth quarter, in a 48-7 victory against Middle Tennessee State the next week. And he completed 2 of 5 passes for 23 yards.

Statistically, his start was inauspicious. But he was a true freshman. And that was significant. Frazier didn't play in the next two games — a 29-14 loss at Washington and a 45-24

victory against Arizona State in Lincoln. Grant went the distance in both, then started the Big Eight-opening, 55-0 victory against Oklahoma State at Memorial Stadium. As was the case in the Middle Tennessee State game, Frazier, Cornwell, Berringer and McMillen all took snaps against the Cowboys. Grant and Frazier each threw two touchdown passes, and Frazier rushed for 38 yards on six carries.

Two weeks later, after a Saturday off, Frazier got his first start. The Huskers, who had moved into the Associated Top 10 (at No. 8) played Missouri, in Columbia. The date, Oct. 24, 1992, is historically important. It was the first time a true freshman started

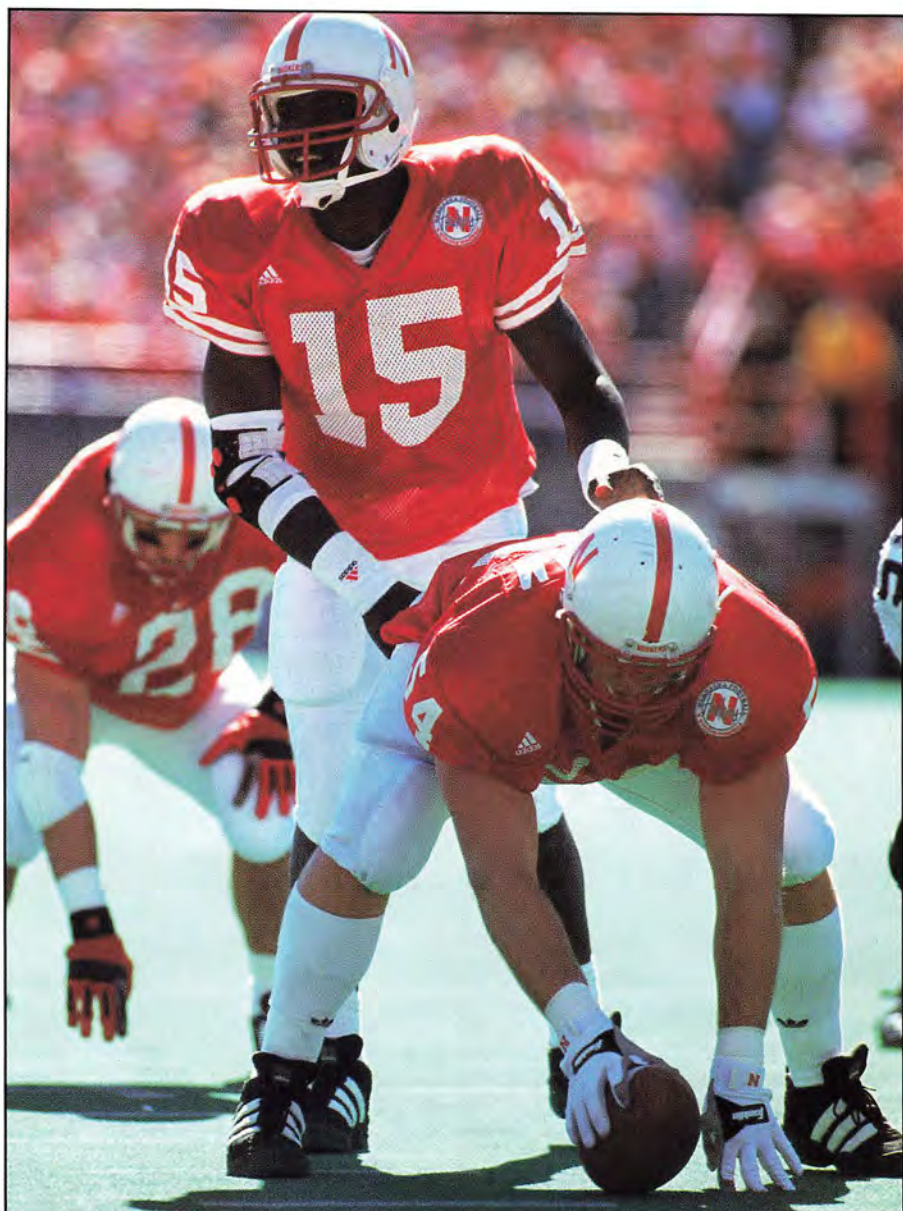


at quarterback for an Osborne-coached team.

Frazier led the Huskers to back-to-back national championships. He broke the Big Eight record for victories by a starting quarterback: 33 — held previously by Oklahoma's Steve Davis with 32. During his last three seasons, Nebraska won an NCAA Division IA-record 36 games. Frazier established a school record for total offense: 5,476 yards. He was responsible for a Husker career record number of touchdowns: 36 rushing and 43 passing. The 43 touchdown passes are the most by any Nebraska quarterback, including David Humm and Jerry Tagge, the only ones who passed for more yards than Frazier during their careers. Frazier rushed for 1,955 yards, the second-best total by a Husker quarterback behind Steve Taylor, who had nearly 100 more carries.

Nebraska hasn't lost a regular-season game since Frazier was a freshman. The Huskers have played for the national championship in three consecutive bowl games and won it twice. Their winning streak currently stands at 25 games.

Osborne, not given to exaggeration, acknowledged Frazier's value to Nebraska. "I don't want to give the impression this is a one-man program in the last four years because we went through a seven-game



stretch last year without him and still won some very tough games," Osborne said. "But I would say if I were to choose one player who has had the most impact on the outcome of the greatest number of games over the longest period of time since I've been at Nebraska, it would be Tommie Frazier."

That's what people expected when Frazier arrived. That such expectations are rarely realized makes his story all the more remarkable. ■

**Will the next time Husker fans see Tommie Frazier behind center be in the CFL or the NFL?**





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TOM OSBORNE'S SINGULAR GOAL LED TO EVEN GREATER  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAN THE HUSKER COACH COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED.

# MAN WITH A MISSION



*"The only way I want to stay in this for any length of time, I thought, is if I can be a head football coach where I can take control of my own destiny."*

— Tom Osborne

**C**ertainly Tom Osborne couldn't have imagined the success he would go on to enjoy at Nebraska when he first arrived on the scene in the early 1960s.

Over 30 years later, Osborne has a pair of national titles to go along with a long list of All-American players and the support of a state that embraces the sport of football with a passion.

By winning back-to-back national championships the last

two seasons, Osborne has taken his place alongside college football's coaching legends. His career record of 231-47-3 is the best among active Division I-A coaches and he has twice been selected as national coach of the year.

The milestones posted by the Huskers during Osborne's tenure are staggering. The Huskers have an NCAA record string of 34 consecutive winning seasons, including a record 27 straight with at least nine wins. Nebraska has also been ranked in every weekly Associated Press poll since 1981 — another record — and its 23 bowl appearances under Osborne rank only behind Alabama's Bear Bryant (29) and Penn State's Joe Paterno (26).

In the final season of the Big Eight Conference, the Huskers secured their fifth straight conference title, marking the 12th time Osborne has guided his team to at least a share of the Big Eight championship. Nebraska won outright conference titles in 1975, 1978, 1981-84, 1988 and 1991-95.

Many factors can be attributed to the success the Huskers have enjoyed under the 58-year-old Nebraska native. Stability in his assistant coaching ranks, a winning tradition, tremendous fan loyalty, a supportive university administration and a continually strong recruiting effort have made Nebraska's football program one of the most successful in the nation.

Osborne joined the Nebraska football staff in 1962 as a graduate assistant under Bob Devaney, was promoted to a full-time assistant coaching position five years later and succeeded the Nebraska coaching legend as head coach in 1973.

As Devaney's offensive coordinator, Osborne played an integral part in helping the Huskers win back-to-back national titles in 1970 and 1971. Although assistant coach Frank Solich is charged with calling most of the plays on game days from the press box, Osborne still likes to have a hand in mapping out the Huskers' offensive strategy.

In his book titled, "More Than Winning," Osborne said his objective in coaching was not to win championships. Rather, it was to "put a good football team on the field each week, play hard, and take the wins or losses as they come," Osborne wrote.

Recently, as the wins have come, the losses have not.

And for a man not concerned with winning championships, like it or not, more titles may just keep coming his way. ■

**Even a post-game Gatorade dunking and an interview with CBS Sports couldn't keep Tom Osborne (top photo) from smiling after the Huskers secured their second straight national title.**

**Osborne's 1995 team (left) endured more off-the-field scrutiny than any other.**

## AGAINST THE EIGHT

Osborne has an impeccable 137-23-2 record against Big Eight Conference foes during his 23 seasons as head coach of the Huskers.

Team	Record	Pct.
Colorado	19-3-1	.850
Iowa State	20-3-0	.870
Kansas	23-0-0	1.000
Kansas St.	23-0-0	1.000
Missouri	19-4-0	.830
Oklahoma	11-13-0	.460
Okla. State	22-0-1	.980
<b>Totals</b>	<b>137-23-2</b>	<b>.850</b>



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# 1995 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

## THE SCORING EXPLOSION "II"

### TEAM STATISTICS

(11 regular season games)

Category	NU	Opp.
First downs	298	170
Total yards	6,119	3,235
Avg. per game	556.3	294.0
Total plays	855	726
Avg. per game	77.7	66.0
Avg. yds. per play	7.2	4.5
Yards rushing	4,398	862
Avg. per game	399.8	78.3
Yards passing	1,721	2,373
Avg. per game	156.4	215.7
Avg. per attempt	7.5	6.2
Avg. per completion	14.0	12.4
Passing attempts	228	385
Pass completions	123	191
Interceptions	20	6
Percentage	53.9	49.6
Fumbles-lost	28-9	24-8
QB sacks by	31	0
Punt returns-avg.	50-11.1	6-(0.5)
Points scored	576	150
Avg. per game	52.3	13.6

### INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Name	Att.	Yds.	TD
Ahman Green	141	1,086	13
Tommie Frazier	97	604	14
Lawrence Phillips	71	547	9
Damon Benning	63	407	4
Clinton Childs	55	431	3
Jeff Makovicka	63	371	1
James Sims	30	270	3
Brian Schuster	28	246	0
Joel Makovicka	22	185	2
Brook Berringer	21	81	0
Riley Washington	3	44	0
Matt Turman	13	35	1
Clester Johnson	3	35	0
Billy Legate	5	21	0
Chad Eicher	6	16	0
Reggie Baul	1	8	0

Josh Cobb	3	8	0
Chris Norris	2	3	0

**Passing**

Name	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
Tommie Frazier	92	163	4	1,362
Brook Berringer	26	51	0	252
Matt Turman	4	12	2	73

#### Receiving

Clester Johnson	22	367	2
Reggie Baul	17	304	2
Mark Gilman	16	256	1
Jon Vedral	14	272	5
Brendan Holbein	14	151	1
Ahman Green	12	102	3
Sheldon Jackson	6	52	2
Lance Brown	2	44	1
Damon Benning	2	40	0
Kenny Cheatham	4	31	0
Riley Washington	3	24	0
Clinton Childs	2	19	0
Vershan Jackson	1	12	0
Lawrence Phillips	3	11	0

### INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

#### Interceptions

Terrell Farley	3
Michael Booker	3
Mike Minter	2
Mike Fullman	2
Doug Colman	1
Leslie Dennis	1
Tyrone Williams	1
Luther Hardin	1
Jeff Ogard	1
Darren Schmadeke	1
Adam Skoda	1
Tony Veland	1
Phil Ellis	1
Jamel Williams	1

#### Punts

Name	No.	Avg.	Long
Jesse Kosch	27	39.9	74
Bill Lafleur	2	30.0	30

#### Field Goals

Name	Att.	Good	Long
Kris Brown	13	16	47

#### Tackles

Name	UT	AT	TT	SK
Terrell Farley	27	35	62	5
Mike Minter	27	25	52	0

Jamel Williams	22	25	47	1
Doug Colman	19	27	46	2
Christian Peter	12	34	46	2
Grant Wistrom	21	23	44	4
Tony Veland	22	16	38	0
Jon Hesse	20	17	37	1
Ryan Terwilliger	18	17	35	0
Michael Booker	20	11	33	0
Jay Foreman	10	22	32	0
Jason Peter	9	21	30	0
Phil Ellis	11	16	27	2
Tyrone Williams	19	7	26	0
Jared Tomich	18	8	26	10
Chad Kelsay	13	7	20	2
Octavious McFarlin	12	8	20	0
Eric Stokes	7	11	18	0
Aaron Penland	6	11	17	0
Eric Warfield	7	9	16	0
Mike Fullman	11	5	16	0
Scott Saltsman	5	8	13	1
Mike Rucker	3	10	13	1
Leslie Dennis	5	5	10	0
Luther Hardin	5	3	8	1
Jeff Ogard	2	5	7	0
Tyrone Legate	2	5	7	0
Larry Arnold	1	5	6	0
Quint Hogrefe	2	4	6	0
Jason Jenkins	2	4	6	0
Adam Skoda	1	3	4	0
Brian Schuster	1	2	3	0
Travis Toline	1	2	3	0
Ramone Worthy	2	1	3	0



I-back Lawrence Phillips was having a Heisman-type season until his six-game suspension after the Huskers game against Michigan State Sept. 9.



# 1995 NEBRASKA FOOTBALL HONORS

## GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans

### First Team:

Aaron Graham .....3.33, cumulative

### Second Team

Steve Ott .....3.49, biological sciences

Brian Schuster .....3.71, pre-education

Steve Volin .....3.86, biological sciences

### All-District VII:

Aaron Graham .....3.33, animal science

Steve Ott .....3.49, biological sciences

Brian Schuster .....3.71, pre-education

Ryan Terwilliger .....3.23, pre-education

Steve Volin .....3.86, biological sciences

Grant Wistrom .....3.58, pre-pharmacy

## Phillips 66 Academic All-Big Eight

### First-Team:

Aaron Graham .....3.33, animal science

Mark Gilman .....3.15, pre-education

Grant Wistrom .....3.58, pre-pharmacy

Eric Stokes .....3.17, sociology

Ryan Terwilliger .....3.23, pre-education

Steve Ott .....3.49, biological sciences

Brook Berringer .....3.00, bus. administration

Jesse Kosch .....3.06, meteorology

### Honor Roll:

Lance Brown .....3.78, bus. administration

Tim Carpenter .....3.00, pre-education

Jon Hesse .....3.49, psychology

Jason Jenkins .....3.18, graduate studies

Jeff Lake .....3.68, consumer science/education

Joel Makovicka .....3.88, undecided

Kory Mikos .....3.30, pre-education

Aaron Penland .....3.18, bus. administration

Ted Retzlaff .....3.42, agribusiness

Scott Saltsman .....3.17, marketing

Brian Schuster .....3.71, pre-education

Matt Turman .....3.68, pre-education

Steve Volin .....3.86, biological sciences

Matt Vrzal .....3.02, business administration

Jon Zatechka .....3.82, fisheries and wildlife

## All-America Honors:

### First-Team:

Tommie Frazier .....Football Writers,

Walter Camp, AP, AFCA, UPI

Aaron Graham .....Football News, AP

Jared Tomich .....AP

### Second-Team:

Jared Tomich .....Football News

Terrell Farley .....UPI, AP

### Third-Team:

Aaron Taylor .....Football News

Grant Wistrom .....AP

### Honorable-Mention:

Tommie Frazier .....Football News

Christian Peter .....Football News, UPI

Ahman Green .....UPI

Chris Dishman .....UPI

Aaron Graham .....UPI

## All-Big Eight Honors:

### Offensive Player-of-the-Year:

Tommie Frazier .....AP, Coaches

### Defensive Newcomer-of-the-Year:

Terrell Farley .....AP, Coaches

### Offensive Freshman-of-the-Year:

Ahman Green .....AP, Coaches

### Offensive Newcomer-of-the-Year:

Ahman Green .....AP

## First-Team All-Big Eight:

Eric Anderson .....Coaches

Chris Dishman .....Football News, Coaches

Terrell Farley .....AP

Tommie Frazier .....AP, Football News, Coaches

Aaron Graham .....AP, Football News

Ahman Green .....Coaches

Christian Peter .....AP, Football News, Coaches

Aaron Taylor .....AP, Football News

Jared Tomich .....AP, Football News

Tyrone Williams .....AP, Coaches

Grant Wistrom .....Coaches

## Second-Team All-Big Eight:

Reggie Baul .....Coaches

Chris Dishman .....AP

Terrell Farley .....Coaches

Aaron Graham .....Coaches

Ahman Green .....AP

Mike Minter .....AP, Coaches

Aaron Taylor .....Coaches

Jared Tomich .....Coaches

Tony Veland .....AP, Coaches

Grant Wistrom .....AP

## Honorable-Mention All-Big Eight:

Eric Anderson .....AP

Reggie Baul .....Coaches

Kris Brown .....AP, Coaches

Phil Ellis .....AP, Coaches

Brendan Holbein .....Coaches

Clester Johnson .....Coaches

Jeff Makovicka .....Coaches

Jason Peter .....Coaches

# 1995 NEBRASKA FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

1 Lawrence Phillips .....IB	23 Chad Eicher .....IB	49 Quint Hogrefe .....MLB	74 Scott Saltsman .....DT
2 Leslie Dennis .....RCB	24 Todd Uhrir .....IB	50 Mike Hoffman .....DT	75 Chris Dishman .....OT
3 Riley Washington .....SE	25 Jon Vedral .....WB	51 Matt Vrzal .....C	76 Kyle Tully .....OG
4 Eric Warfield .....FS	26 Clinton Childs .....IB	52 Aaron Penland .....WLB	77 Adam Treu .....OT
5 Octavious McFarlin .....ROV	27 Jacques Allen .....WB	53 Matt Hunting .....WLB	77 Ross Tessoroff .....DT
6 Brendan Holbein .....SE	27 Tom Royce .....RCB	53 Troy Langan .....C	78 Kory Mikos .....OT
6 Kenny Cheatham .....SE	28 Brian Schuster .....FB	54 Aaron Graham .....C	80 Billy Haafke .....IB
6 Chris Herron .....ROV	28 Jamel Williams .....SLB	55 Christian Peter .....DT	81 Trent Gumm .....OLB
7 Reggie Baul .....SE	29 Eric Walther .....FS	56 Jay Foreman .....SLB	82 Ryan Held .....SE
8 Tyrone Williams .....RCB	30 Ahman Green .....IB	57 Chad Kelsay .....OLB	83 Bryce Miller .....OLB
9 Tony Veland .....FS	31 James Sims .....IB	57 Doug Seaman .....C	83 Andy Miller .....SE
10 Mike Minter .....ROV	32 David Reddick .....WB	58 Luther Hardin .....OLB	84 Mike Rucker .....OLB
10 Brian Morro .....P	33 Clester Johnson .....WB	59 Josh Heskew .....C	85 Sean Wieting .....WB
11 Matt Turman .....QB	34 Vershan Jackson .....TE	61 Brandt Wade .....OG	86 Dorrick Roy .....TE
11 Jason Benes .....FS	35 Kris Brown .....PK	62 Matt Hoskinson .....OG	87 Mark Gilman .....TE
12 Mike Fullman .....LCB	36 Adam Skoda .....MLB	63 Brian Nunns .....OT	88 Sheldon Jackson .....TE
13 Ted Retzlaff .....PK	37 Darren Schmadeke .....LCB	64 Jon Zatechka .....OG	89 Jeff Lake .....SE
14 Lance Brown .....WB/SE	39 Mike Roberts .....ROV	65 Erik Nelson .....DT	90 Tim Carpenter .....TE
15 Tommie Frazier .....QB	40 Billy Legate .....FB	66 Joe Horst .....OG	91 Ryan Terwilliger .....WLB
16 Eric Stokes .....FS	41 Phil Ellis .....MLB	66 Antony Schmode .....OG	92 Travis Toline .....OLB
17 Chad Blahak .....RCB	42 Josh Cobb .....FB	67 Aaron Taylor .....OG	93 Jared Tomich .....OLB
18 Brook Berringer .....QB	43 Terrell Farley .....WLB	68 Steve Volin .....OG	94 Larry Townsend .....DT
19 Jesse Kosch .....P	44 Jon Hesse .....MLB	69 Steve Ott .....OG	95 Jason Peter .....DT
20 Michael Booker .....LCB	45 Joel Makovicka .....FB	70 Eric Anderson .....OT	96 Jason Jenkins .....DT
21 Damon Benning .....IB	46 Doug Colman .....MLB	71 Mike Van Cleave .....OG	97 Jeff Ogard .....DT
22 Jeff Makovicka .....FB	47 Matt Aden .....SLB	72 Ben Gessford .....OT	98 Grant Wistrom .....OLB
23 Bill Lafleur .....P	48 Dave Alderman .....ROV	73 Fred Pollack .....OT	99 Jason Wiltz .....DT





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